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Tories' swift deadline for rates reform

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Legislation to scrap domestic rates in England and Wales will be introduced in the first session of the next Parliament, if the Conservatives retain power. If the election is not held until 1988 it could happen before then.

Instead of the 16 million householders now paying rates, 37 million people would pay the community charge, including students, pensioners and those on social security. The exceptions would be those under 19 but still at school, convicted prisoners and long-term hospital patients.

Although there would be rebates for the disadvantaged, as there are with rates, everyone would have to pay at least a proportion of the community charge. Ministers plan to fix this at around 20 per cent.

They are also considering making the 80 per cent rebates in such cases a rebate on the average payment nationally. Since local authorities would be able to determine the level of the community charge in their area this could mean a high penalty for those on benefits who live in areas with high-spending councils.

The Government argues that each local elector must have a clear incentive to consider the costs as well as the benefits of local spending.

Details of the proposals were given in Parliamentary answers, documents and speeches yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Dr Rhodes Boyson, the Minister for Local Government. They revealed that:

Mr Ridley: Time to embark on reform.

● Local authorities would be given powers to apply to the courts for orders enabling them to deduct community charge payment arrears in instalments from the earnings of defaulters.

● Those who failed to register for the community charge would face an automatic £50 fine for the first offence and £200 for the second.

● Those who live in rented accomodation and move frequently would be caught by a special "collective charge" paid directly to the landlord with the rent, as a separately identified sum. The landlord would pay the community charge for the whole property.

● Because of the difficulty of keeping track of regular movers, local authorities should check all through the year who should be paying.

● Because of objections from women to the green paper proposal that "heads of households" should be responsible for supplying details to the register, the Government is calling for it to be done by a "responsible person" at each address.

● The Government will persevere with plans for a uniform business rate, to be fixed and levied centrally and distributed to local councils according to population. This is in spite of widespread criticism in the business community. Small businessmen in particular fear that many operating in low-rated areas at present would be paying a good deal more.

A Bill incorporating a number of these points is now before Parliament, to abolish domestic rates in Scotland over three years between 1989 and 1992.

Mr Ridley admitted that there was no prospect of a solution which commanded universal support, but said: "The time has come to decide and embark on reform."

Dr Boyson, in a speech to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting, said: "After more than 10 years of studies and reviews, after three green papers, and after nearly a year of consultation on the latest green paper, local government is still no nearer to agreeing on a new system which meets the Government's aim of greater accountability and fairness. We in central government have to make *our* mind up."

Mr Ridley said that 454 local authorities and local government associations had responded to the green paper on rate reform, along with 504 individuals and ratepayers associations and 126 businesses and industrial groups.

Near the end of the line: A Nimrod Mark 3 AEW at RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire, yesterday.

Nimrod backers alter tack because of Prior

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Several Cabinet ministers who were prepared to fight for the British Nimrod early warning aircraft against the rival American Awacs have now changed their minds because of the outspoken intervention by Mr James Prior, the former Conservative minister and chairman of GEC.

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, who is personally convinced that Nimrod must now be scrapped, despite the expenditure of £960 million of taxpayers' money, was anticipating a tough battle on his hands in Cabinet on Thursday, because of the emotive decision to go for an American aircraft rather than a British one.

But Mr Prior's bitter attack against the RAF over the weekend, claiming bias towards Boeing, manufacturers of the Awacs, has proved to be totally counter-productive, according to senior Whitehall sources.

Mr Younger is now expected to receive no opposition at all either in the crucial Cabinet Defence and Overseas Policy Committee tomorrow or in the full Cabinet meeting on Thurdsay.

The Prime Minister and the key ministers involved in the decision are now not only determined to press ahead with the Awacs system but on Thursday Mr Younger is planning to reveal the confidential reasons why the GEC Avionics radar system for the Nimrod aircraft failed to meet the standards laid down by the RAF.

The revelations by Mr Younger, which will be made either in the House of Commons or in a special briefing paper, will be embarrassing both for GEC and Marconi, the company which was involved in the development of the radar and which was taken over by GEC.

They will show that after the years of research and expenditure, Nimrod still failed to prove itself in the most important area of all, the capability to positively differentiate hostile targets from the background clutter.

However, senior Whitehall sources stressed yesterday that there was no wish to enter a bitter exchange of words with a company which will remain one of the biggest defence contractors with the Ministry of Defence, despite the Nimrod affair.

The steps to be taken by a reluctant Mr Younger have been forced on him because of the allegations of Mr Prior.

One Whitehall source said: "Mr Prior's action in accusing the RAF of foul play has been completely counter-productive. Up to half a dozen Cabinet ministers, some of them with considerable influence, were in two minds about this contract but Mr

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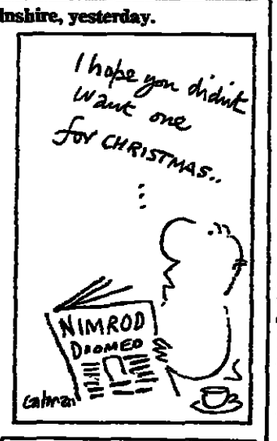

Oil price highest for ten months

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The price of North Sea oil rose to its highest level for 10 months yesterday on hopes that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting in Geneva, would agree to production cuts.

Higher oil prices helped British Gas shares to gain 1½p to 64½p, their highest closing level since the flotation.

Opec, aiming to raise oil prices to $18 a barrel, adjourned its meeting in Geneva yesterday evening. Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister and Opec president, said good progress had been made

Earlier, Dr Mana Said al Otaiba, the United Arab Emirates' oil minister, said the oil producers had reached agreement in principle on production cuts.

The price of Brent crude oil rose to $16.20 a barrel yesterday. In New York last night, West Texas crude was traded at $16.60 a barrel.

Should the oil price recover to $18 a barrel, the Chancellor would have £1 billion or more in extra tax revenues than the $15 price assumed in Treasury plans. This, in turn, could mean bigger income tax cuts in the March Budget.

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However, higher oil prices could also push the inflation rate up. Yesterday, a spokesman for Esso said firmer crude oil prices had no immediate implications for petrol prices. However, the rise is likely to filter through to higher prices by the spring.

Opec oil ministers faced two main issues. Firstly, the precise way in which the production cuts needed to reduce Opec output from more than 17 million to 16 million barrels a day would be apportioned among member states.

Here, the main sticking point has been the production quotas for Iran and Iraq. Opec's last production deal was reached without a production ceiling for Iraq, but Iran said it was not prepared to allow the same thing to happen again.

Iraq, in turn, demanded a production quota equivalent to Iran's 2.3 million barrels a day. Iran is a significantly larger oil producer than Iraq.

Yesterday's meeting appears to have moved towards a formula to limit Iraqi output to 1.6 million or 1.7 million barrels a day.

The second issue was price differentials between various types of crude oil. Quality light crude oils such as those produced in Nigeria and the North Sea have lost market share because of undercutting by producers of heavier crudes.

'Thatcher possible plot target'

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister could be the target of a security service plot because of her radical outlook, a Labour MP claimed in the Commons last night.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, said MI5 could "assassinate" Mrs Margaret Thatcher with rumour and innuendo if it thought this was in the country's interests.

He demanded a judicial inquiry into renewed claims that security service officers attempted to subvert the Wilson government in the 1970s.

He told MPs that Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer, had admitted in his book that he had, to some extent, helped mastermind the operation.

"He refers to burgling and bugging all over London."

"One has to ask what could happen to a Labour government in the future? Could this happen again? If there is any chance of it happening again Parliament has a duty to act, and act fast."

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Rising Grafs...

Since Boris Becker first won Wimbledon 18 months ago, 200,000 German children have taken up tennis. Becker and Steffi Graf (above), talk to **David Miller** about the rise and rise of Germany's tennis *wunderkinder*

Portfolio Gold

● **The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mr T. Howarth of Urmston, Manchester; and Mr R. Gooch of Newcastle upon Tyne. Details, page 3.**

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Sales record

Retail sales jumped by 2.4 per cent in volume last month to a new record. The volume of spending so far this year is 5. per cent up on the same period last year Page 21

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Run drought

Only 188 runs were scored on the penultimate day of the Third Test in Adelaide. Australia, with seven second innings wickets standing, led by 141 Page 36

Brain drain

Hi-tech experts from the United States are being brought in to plug a UK gap in computing skills. Despite lower salaries, the attractions of the British way of life have brought plenty of applications

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Thatcher aims for spring manifesto

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is planning to have the Conservative election manifesto completed by the spring in readiness to go to the country at any time thereafter.

Her strategy group of senior ministers will begin considering in detail next month the reports of the 12 policy groups, each headed by Cabinet ministers, which have been drawing up proposals for the last four months.

No precise deadline has been set but the Prime Minister wants the manifesto ready in case she opts for a spring poll.

Although her own inclination is to delay until next autumn at the earliest, senior colleagues believe that if all the portents were right for next May or June, she would be prepared to go to the country for a third successive victory.

The strategy group includes Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman and Mrs Thatcher.

As they examine the proposals from the manifesto groups, some Cabinet ministers will be asked to enlarge on the ideas which find favour, before writing of the manifesto begins in March.

In keeping with the theme of the Conservative conference, in which ministers were talking of their plans not only for the present parliamentary year but for the next Parliament, the manifesto is expected to contain more specific proposals than the rather cautious 1983 document.

Already it seems likely that there will be proposals for further trade union reform, focusing on union elections, and further privatization, including the water industry.

The manifesto is certain to promise a boost to the private rented sector by ending controls on new lettings, and pledge more power to school governors and headteachers.

Bokassa trial starts

From Philip Jacobson, Bangui

The judge beckoned Jean-Bédel Bokassa forward from the seat where, a moment earlier, he had been handcuffed by one wrist to a member of the elite Presidential Guard.

Resplendent in trims and beret and black panther insignia, the former Emperor of the Central African Republic brushed at the sleeve of his immaculate black suit, the expensive Paris tailoring failing to conceal his bandy legs, and marched briskly forward to face the tribunal that holds his life in its hands.

A tap of the microphone, and the stocky grey-bearded man — whose name was once synonymous with the most

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CIA 'feed Iraq with pictures'

For the past two years the Central Intelligence Agency has been secretly giving Iraq sensitive US reconnaissance photographs to help the Iraqis bomb Iran's oil terminals and power plants, *The Washington Post* said yesterday.

Quoting informed sources, the paper said detailed intelligence had been flowing to Iraq for the past two years, during the period when the Reagan Administration was secretly selling arms to Iran.

In August the CIA stepped up the initiative by establishing a direct, top-secret Washington-Baghdad link to provide the Iraqis with better and more timely satellite information. One source said the Iraqis now receive satellite information after a raid in order to assess the damage and plan the next attack.

The source told *The Washington Post* that this intelligence information was "vital" to Iraq's conduct of the war.

Mr William Casey, the CIA director, is said to have twice met senior Iraqi officials — in October and November — to ensure the new information channel was working.

Mr Robert Oakley, until recently the head of the State Department's counter-terrorism section, has confirmed to another newspaper that Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the key figure in the affair, was in close touch with Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, during efforts to free the US hostages in Lebanon.

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Libyan troops in Surinam aid deal

From Christopher Thomas, Paramaribo, Surinam

Surinam has signed a military assistance agreement with Libya in the face of escalating insurgency which has stretched its 3,000-man Army to its limits.

The deal with Colonel Gadaffi includes the establishment of a Libyan Peoples' Bureau in the Surinam capital of Paramaribo. At least 100 Libyan counter-insurgency troops have arrived in Surinam and are being kept out of sight.

Additionally, Libya has promised to Lieutenant Colonel Desi Bouterse, the head of the ruling Military Council, a $100 million (about £67 million) trade and aid package as well as advice on how to entrench his authority and fend off coup attempts, which, it is rumoured, there have been several.

The developments suggest strongly that Colonel Gadaffi is in the process of establishing his first close relationship with a South American country at a time when American foreign policy is at its weakest.

Colonel Bouterse was to have travelled to Tripoli in September and from there accompany Colonel Gadaffi to the Non-Aligned meeting in Zimbabwe, but he pulled out because of preoccupation with the rebel assault.

Surinam is also strengthening its relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Soviet Union, Nicaragua, Angola, North Korea and a number of guerrilla groups.

Relations between Surinam and Cuba, once extremely close, ceased after blunt warnings from Brazil that it would not idly accept a state under Cuban influence on its northern border.

No Cubans have returned since more than 100 were expelled the day the US invaded Grenada. Clearly Surinam feared American intervention and was increasingly wary of Brazil, which sent a strike force across the border in April 1983 as a salutary warning to reduce the Cuban presence.

At the time Colonel Bouterse was a close friend of Mr Maurice Bishop, the late Marxist Prime Minister of Grenada, to whom he gave a lavish welcome on an official visit to Surinam. It was through this connection that relations with Señor Castro were developed.

Brazil continues to give aid, despite international attempts to isolate Surinam, in an effort to keep the Bouterse dictatorship from Cuban influence.

Privately, the US Administration welcomes efforts to diminish Cuba's influence but continues to maintain its own ban on aid to Surinam.

Four years ago Mr William Casey, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), proposed to the House and Senate Intelligence Committee that a plan should be devised to deal with the increasingly-left-leaning Government of Surinam.

He proposed arming a force

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Anglicans welcome Aids campaign

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

An official Church of England body has welcomed sexually explicit advertising against Aids, saying it is more important to warn young people of the dangers than to avoid shocking their elders.

In a report submitted to Parliament, the church says it generally supports the Government's current anti-Aids programme, although it regrets that it does not put more emphasis on the need for chastity.

The, report, into ethical aspects of the Aids epidemic, is from the Board for Social Responsibility of the General Synod and is being submitted to the House of Commons Social Services Committee.

It declares that it is the teaching of the church that all individuals should practice chastity before, during and outside marriage.

"If this country returned to biblical restraints on sexual behaviour, the mortal danger of Aids would soon disappear," the report states.

"Pairing and bonding are normally part of human nature, and promiscuity is contrary to it. Unchastity is contrary to the natural law, and it is not therefore surprising that human bodies are often ill-adapted to it."

The Anglican statement again raises many of the issues already put forward on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, it doubts the wisdom of relying on the condom and and suggests more emphasis should be placed on traditional sexual morality.

Condoms are not totally effective as a contraceptive, it says, and therefore not a complete defence against the transmission of Aids. They should be made available in ways which do not encourage promiscuity in the young, for instance through doctors' surgeries and chemists' shops.

In the United States, promotion of the use of condoms had resulted in only a 5 per cent increase in sales. The Board for Social Responsibility notes that there is a division of opinion in the Church of England concerning the morality of homosexual activity in a stable exclusive relationship. The traditional teaching in favour of total sexual abstinence would prevent the spread of Aids, as would the more liberal insistence on loyalty to one partner.

The board states that there is no significant danger of the spread of Aids through sharing of the Communion cup in church. Medical experts had assured the board that there was no evidence that Aids could be transmitted by saliva. But it notes that some parishes had begun to prefer the use of "intinction" — dipping the host into the Communion wine rather than sipping the wine from a shared cup.

The church suggests that the police, the ambulance service, and the fire brigade should be given special Government advice concerning Aids.

The Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, who is chairman of the board, said: "It is because of promiscuity that the Aids virus has so rapidly spread. "We are advocating chastity not because we are moralizing, but for practical prevention."

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Death toll in Karachi reaches 98

Karachi (Reuter) — Rioters tossed victims into burning buildings as rival Muslim communities battled in this Arabian sea port yesterday in bloody disorders that have taken nearly 100 lives in the past two days.

Forty people were killed yesterday and nearly 200 injured as soldiers with orders to shoot-to-kill patrolled the streets of Pakistan's largest city to quell violence between rival Pashtun and Mohajir communities.

Another three people died of injuries received on Sunday, bringing the death toll from the city's worst explosion of ethnic violence to at least 98.

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NEWS SUMMARY

£1.5m scheme to back risk-takers

A £1.5 million initiative by the Manpower Services Commission to encourage "enterprising, risk-taking and adventurous" people was announced yesterday (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

The scheme, to be known as Entrain, will provide enterprise training through a consortium of 10 youth, education, training and enterprise development organizations. It will give enterprise training to young people on YTS schemes.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, launching the scheme in London, said the trend everywhere was in favour of those who were skilled and adaptable with the ability to learn how to learn.

He criticized the contribution that education had made towards such a sense of enterprise.

Entrain will introduce the training programmes in 116 pilot areas early next year

Marquess on charge

The Marquess of Hertford is to appear in a Crown Court charged with ploughing up part of a Roman town buried on his land.

Magistrates of Alcester, Warwickshire, yesterday refused to hear the case against the Marquess, aged 56, of Ragley Hall in the nearby hamlet of Arrow, and he now faces committal proceedings in January.

The prosecution, under the 1979 Ancients Monuments and Archaeology Act, was brought after a complaint by English Heritage. The Marquess was granted bail.

Heart aid vanishes

A £30,000 computer used to monitor heart patients, the only one of its type in Britain, has been stolen 10 days after it was delivered to St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

The manufacturers had checked the installation on Friday.

Staff found yesterday morning that the computer had disappeared from the outpatients' department with another worth £3,400 used by doctors to check records.

The hospital was last night seeking a back-up system to replace the machine, which had been used by five patients a day.

Sellafield's £30m bill

The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant, threatened with closure unless immediate improvements are made, will cost £30 million to put right.

That was disclosed yesterday by British Nuclear Fuels four days after the Health and Safety Executive ordered 29 changes to machinery, safety and management in a damning report on the condition of the ageing plant on the Cumbrian coast.

A series of meetings between BNF and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate of the safety executive, which spent six months preparing the report, will begin this week to discuss a timetable of improvements. BNF says the work will be completed within 12 months.

Runcie bequest

The Crisis at Christmas charity failed to elicit a gift of old clothes from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who when asked to contribute clothing to the appeal for the homeless, said: "I'm still wearing them".

But yesterday Dr Robert Runcie's wife, Rosalind (right), handed over a parcel of her own clothes along with other donations at Lambeth Palace.

The charity will house thousands of homeless people at a disused factory off the Old Kent Road in south-east London for six days from December 23.

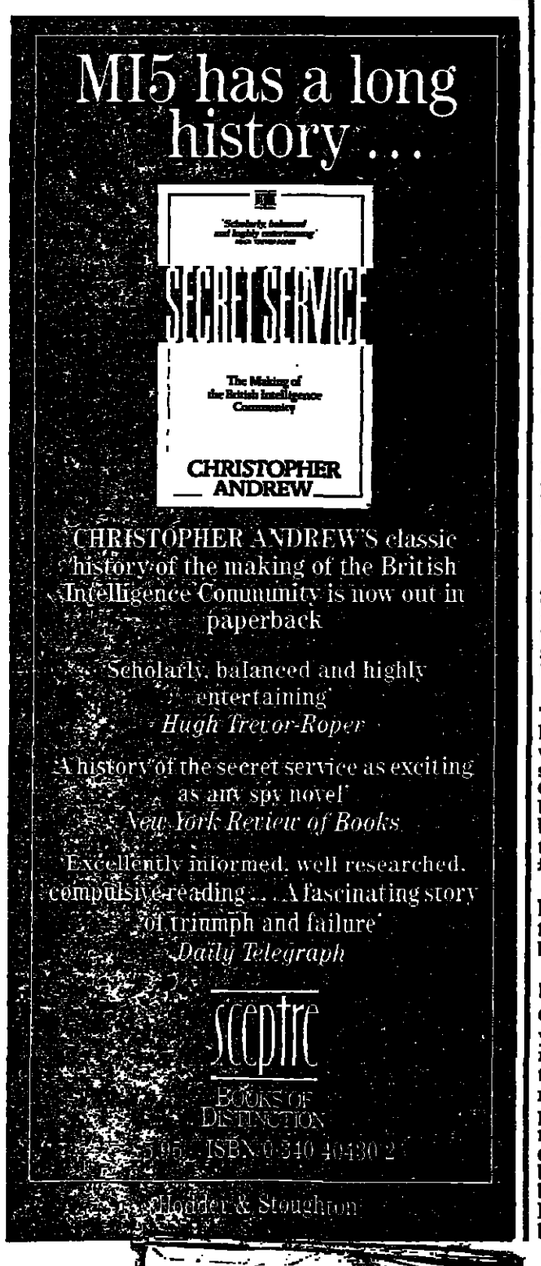
Shipyard jobs saved

An international consortium led by a Texas oil magnate has taken over the Smith's Dock shipyard on Teesside, which is due to be closed by British Shipbuilders in two weeks.

An offer in the region of £3 million has been accepted from the group headed by Mr John Atwood, chairman of Atwood Turnkey Drilling Inc, of Houston.

The yard, which launched its last vessel in October, employs 1,400. The new owners will take on 200 workers next month to build offshore supply boats and drilling modules and to carry out oil rig repairs.

Atwood says it hopes eventually to re-employ a large part of the existing labour force.



Liberal plan to close health pay gap

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Liberals called yesterday for phased "catching up" pay rises of between 10 and 20 per cent for health service staff, in a move that threatens the Alliance's efforts to keep tight control over its spending plans for a future government.

Party leaders meet today to complete their joint policy statement, *Partnership for Progress*. There was irritation in SDP circles last night that the Liberals had broken an agreement not to make unilateral commitments.

The new draft, intended to form the basis for the Alliance manifesto, has been toned down to keep its pledges in line with the coalition's public expenditure plans, thrown into disarray by the Chancellor's autumn statement, which increased spending by £4.5 billion.

It is understood that promises on pensions, equalizing retirement ages for men and women at 60 and tying increases to rises in earnings, have both been watered down.

The joint policy committee is also expected to backtrack on controversial changes covering taxes and benefits, which provoked a storm in the summer when SDP spokesmen said they would affect people earning more than £10,000 a year.

They will be phased in rather than introduced all at once.

The call for catching-up rises for up to one million workers is contained in *Fair Pay for NHS Staff* from the Liberal Party's health panel. Although it says such increases should be spread over several years, with the health service pay bill running at £9 billion, the proposal has enormous implications for public spending.

The discussion paper proposes a public service pay information board to spearhead a massive comparability exercise and *to simplify* the pay structure in the NHS.

It says that present injustices cannot be remedied by across-the-board increases and that "pay in the NHS needs to catch up with that in comparable occupations outside, and also keep up with further movements so that the gap does not widen again".

Mr Archie Kirkwood, Liberal health spokesman, accused the Government of making the NHS "the largest employer of low-paid workers in the country".

The paper does not cite any figures but Mr Duncan Brack, Mr Kirkwood's researcher, quoted figures showing that from 1980-81 to 1985-86 average earnings had increased by 49 per cent, while those of NHS ancillaries had gone up by 31 per cent and nurses and midwives by 39 per cent. Prices had risen by 39 per cent

The Liberals wanted to close that earnings gap through increases phased over a number of years, he said.

● The rift over defence between the two parties will also be formally sealed when the joint policy committee decides the wording of a new clause endorsing the agreed policy of maintaining and, if necessary, modernizing Polaris until the nuclear deterrent is negotiated away.

Shoot-to-kill investigation 'step nearer completion'

By Richard Ford

The second part of the report into allegations that the Royal Ulster Constabulary operated a shoot-to-kill policy is expected to be sent to the *Director of Public Prosecutions* in Northern Ireland within the next few weeks.

Mr Colin Sampson, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, is putting the finishing touches to his findings after interviewing Sir John Hermon, the RUC Chief Constable, about six controversial killings in 1982.

His latest findings concern the shooting dead of five unarmed alleged terrorists in Armagh and Lurgan by an undercover RUC squad during the autumn of 1982. An earlier report into the killing of a youth, aged 17, at a hay shed near Lurgan has been with Sir Barry Shaw, the DPP in the province, since October. The third part of the report, into the management and operation of the RUC is not expected to be completed until next year.

Sir Barry has made no decision on whether criminal proceedings should be brought against RUC officers and is making it clear he will not make a decision until all three sections of the Sampson inquiry are completed.

According to similar reports in the *Irish Times* and *The Guardian* yesterday up to eight members of the RUC are expected to be charged by March with offences likely to include conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. But the Government denied yesterday that it had given any assurance to the Irish Government that prosecutions would be brought in relation to allegations that the police operated a *shoot-to-kill* policy.

The Northern Ireland Office said: "The Secretary of State and ministers have no part to play in this decision-making, and therefore cannot give assurances to anyone regarding the outcome of cases referred to the DPP. The DPP has an independent role to play in deciding if any cases referred to him warrant the instigation of criminal proceedings."

However, the investigation, which was initially carried out by Mr John Stalker, the deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, has been raised at the joint Anglo-Irish ministerial conferences as the Irish Government believes a satisfactory conclusion of the affair is essential if nationalists in the North are to have confidence in the administration of justice in Ulster.

The report that assurances have been given during the private ministerial meetings have confirmed the suspicions of Unionists.

Mr Frank Millar, the general secretary of the Official Unionists, called on the Secretary of State to produce the minutes of all relevant discussions on the issue to allay real and justifiable fears.

He said that it was a serious matter as it appeared to question the independent role of the DPP in the judicial system.

The mail mountain being sorted at Nine Elms office, south London, yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Gas acceptance letters swell record for mail

By Kenneth Gosling

A record number of cards and parcels being sent by post this Christmas was boosted yesterday by 4.5 million British Gas acceptance letters which pushed up the day's total to 120 million items.

More than 1,300 million Christmas cards have been posted so far, exceeding the expected total of 1,276 million, while 25.6 million calendars have been sent, compared with 19 million in 1982.

A Post Office spokeswoman said that people had been encouraged to post early by the 12p discount stamp, of which 300 million were issued.

While postage costs have come down, the average price of Christmas cards is still only 8p, 143 years after Sir Henry Coles invented mechanically-printed greeting cards.

Sir Henry had 1,000 cards printed. Those surplus to his requirements were sold at a Bond Street, London, shop at a shilling each.

The most expensive Christmas card, made of ivory, was sent by an Indian prince 80 years ago. It cost £500,000 and involved the slaughter of 40 elephants.

The Post Office paid tribute to improved parcel wrapping techniques. "Much better. Far fewer are reaching Heartbreak Corner," the spokeswoman said.

Tomorrow is the last posting day for second class mail in time for Christmas. First class mail closes on Friday.

Head wins court fight over Brent inquiry

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the head teacher at the centre of a dispute over allegations of racism, was yesterday granted an injunction by the High Court preventing Brent council in north-west London from holding a disciplinary inquiry into her case.

She was also given leave to seek a judicial review of the council's decision to go ahead with the inquiry.

Miss McGoldrick was granted injunctions preventing the council from the holding the inquiry, which had been planned for tomorrow, or taking any further proceedings against her until her application for judicial review can be heard, probably in the new year.

Mr Justice Webster said he was satisfied that Miss McGoldrick had "serious issues to be tried".

Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC, for Brent, told the judge that although the Court of Appeal had said it would be "unwise" for the council to continue its action, it was not ruled unlawful.

Later, an official of the National Union of Teachers, which has been backing Miss McGoldrick, said the application for a judicial review would be withdrawn if Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, used his powers to intervene under the Education Act 1944.

Mr Baker said he was waiting for Brent's reply to his latest request for information and would be looking at it "very closely" later today. He pointed out that the Act required him to be fully satisfied that the council was acting, or planning to act, unreasonably.

He added: "My first concern remains a just outcome to this affair and a speedy return to normal for the children of Sudbury Infants School".

Brent council accused the NUT of "taking advantage of the legal system to prevent the council from carrying out its legally established rights as an employer".

Rover plan for shops to create 7,000 jobs

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

A £100 million shopping and leisure centre on the site of the former Leyland truck plant at Bathgate in Scotland was announced yesterday by the Rover Group.

The project will take three years to complete, if it is approved by West Lothian district council, the planning authority, and would create jobs for 3,000 construction workers and 4,000 staff.

Many former Bathgate workers are still on unemployment benefit, contributing to the area's 30 per cent jobless total. At its height in 1978 Bathgate had a workforce of 5,600.

Rover said yesterday that it had found enough interest from potential developers to transform the site into a thriving commercial centre.

Mr Graham Day, group chairman, said that Rover was not going into the leisure business. The site was costing £100,000 to maintain and that continuing drain had to be halted. The company also had a statutory duty to manage its assets effectively and a moral responsibility to the community.

No realistic proposition for continued manufacturing at the plant had been found and none of the few inquiries there had been offered any hope that employment levels would be recovered.

The architects commissioned by Rover are proposing covered, air-conditioned two-storey shops and a leisure complex a third of a mile long. It will have a central mall, three big department stores, and smaller shops.

There are also plans for a cinema, swimming pool and ice rink, parking space for 8,000 cars and an extension of the Edinburgh to Bathgate railway.

Rover will retain ownership of the development area and will act in effect as landlord.

The workforce at the plant, established 22 years ago, was cut to 1,800 as the world market for vehicles grew more difficult, before Bathgate closed in 1985. The company insisted that closure was essential to reduce operating costs by £10 million.

Bathgate workers with 15 years service received about £7,000 in redundancy payments.

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28-day remands proposed

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is considering increasing from eight to 28 days the maximum period a magistrates' court can remand a defendant in custody at any one time pending summary trial or committal.

If there is a favourable response to proposals yesterday in a consultation document, the change will be added to the Criminal Justice Bill, now before Parliament.

At present, the law says that with certain exceptions a magistrates' court shall not remand a person in custody, pending a further appearance before it, for a period exceeding eight clear days. Magistrates can after eight days renew the remand in custody.

The proposal is that, when remanding a defendant in custody pending summary trial or committal, the court should be required, after hearing representations, to reach a view on the period within which the case may make progress. The court should then remand the case for that period or for a maximum of 28 days.

But the Government also proposes that the defendant should be able to apply to the court during the remand for a hearing to be held before that period expires. The ground would be that new information was available relevant to the progress of the case.

The object of the change is, with safeguards for the defendant, to avoid unnecessary appearances in court. A review by the Home Office and Lord Chancellor's Department has estimated that about 68,000 remand appearances a year serve no useful purpose.

Dean calls for levy support

By Michael McCarthy

Voting closes on Thursday for the ballot of Sogat '82 members on a compulsory levy to relieve the drain on the print union's finances caused by the Wapping dispute.

The 206,000 members nationwide are being asked to contribute 58p a week for six months to save the union from what its general secretary, Miss Brenda Dean, has said may be possible bankruptcy.

Under Sogat's rules, the union's national executive could have imposed a levy without consultation, but such a move would have been unpopular with the vast majority of the members unaffected by the dispute with News International, many of whom are continuing to handle *The Times* and the company's other titles, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The News of The World*.

The dispute began when 5,100 printworkers went on strike and were dismissed before the company transferred production of its newspapers to its new plant at Wapping in east London.

Miss Dean has spelt out Sogat's difficult financial position in a special edition of the union's journal in which she appealed for support for the levy.

She said that Sogat had been "financially crippled" by the heavy legal costs incurred when the union's assets were sequestrated by the High Court early in the dispute, and by the large sums paid out in benefit, which together are thought to total about £2.5 million.

Damages claims made by News International may eventually total a further £2 million or even more.

A "yes" vote in the levy ballot is generally expected.

● Six men were arrested early yesterday when a group of nearly 300 demonstrators attempted to force open the main gate of the Wapping plant shortly after 3 am. The men, variously charged with obstruction and threatening behaviour, were remanded on bail to appear at Thames Magistrates' Court on December 22 and 23.

Prince in appeal to business

By Alan Hamilton

The Prince of Wales last night launched a crusade to persuade British industry and business to dig much deeper into its corporate pocket and increase substantially its donations to charity.

At a reception at 10 Downing Street, hosted by the Prime Minister, the Prince formally initiated the Per Cent Club, which commits its members to donating at least half of 1 per cent of their pre-tax profits to job creation, new businesses, inner city regeneration and other charitable causes.

The Prince has been an enthusiastic supporter of the scheme since Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, brought the idea back from the United States earlier this year.

The Prince hopes that at least some of the money generated will be directed towards his favoured cause, the inner city, although companies will remain free to put their charitable effort in any direction they choose.

The club hopes to recruit the 200 top British companies, but so far only 67 have committed themselves. Last year those 67 gave £18 million to charity; their commitment to the club would increase their annual donation to £50 million.

Following a change in tax laws, companies can now claim tax relief on charity contributions of up to 3 per cent of gross dividend.

Defence contracts

Shorts' £225m missile deal

By a Staff Reporter

Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturing employer has won a £225 million contract to supply the armed forces with a new generation of air defence missiles.

Short Brothers, of East Belfast, has been awarded the biggest single order in its history by the Ministry of Defence for the Starstreak system, to enter service in the early 1990s.

The order will secure 1,500 jobs in the company's missile system division, and provide work for 3,500-4,000 people employed by sub-contractors in the rest of the United Kingdom.

Sir Philip Foreman, chairman of Shorts, said yesterday that the Starstreak system had also been offered to the United States Army. "The export potential is enormous and could rise to £1 billion, further consolidating the jobs of thousands who are directly and indirectly employed on the project", he said.

More than 100 test firings of Starstreak have been carried out as part of a demonstration programme. The small, close-range guided missilehas evolved from the company's shoulder-held Blowpipe and Javelin systems, which have been supplied to 20 armed forces and 14 countries.

Starstreak is capable of destroying all current and foreseen helicopters and ground-attack fighter aircraft with its missile.

The contract is a big boost for Shorts, which has recently been at the centre of controversy over allegations of sectarian discrimination on the shop floor.

● Alvis, the Coventry military equipment maker, has won a £40 million contract to supply about 130 Stormer armoured personnel carriers to act as mobile launchers for Starstreak.

BAe backs Boeing in return for Airbus aid

By Our Air Correspondent

British Aerospace management is privately backing a Boeing proposal to provide the next generation of early-warning aircraft, in the belief that it will benefit from the political spin-off.

BAe is trying to convince the Government to provide up to £750 million in launch aid for the Airbus A340 long-range jet, which it is hoped will challenge the dominance of Boeing.

Management believes its hand will be strengthened if the GEC Nimrod is turned down, because the Government will not want to be seen to be giving a slap in the face to two big aerospace companies.

BAe is also bidding to sell a range of aircraft and missiles to the United States. Management believes its sales argument will be greatly strengthened if Britain spends up to £800 million on the US early-warning system, Awacs.

Under a tacit agreement, known as the "two-way street", British military hardware will be sold in America to balance any sales of US equipment here.

BAe is confident it will be favourite to win a lucrative contract to fit out the Boeing Talks with the Department of Industry on funds for the European A340 have so far come to nothing, partly because of the continuing Nimrod/Awacs battle.

Heavyweight poser for airline pilots

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Heavyweight men are throwing airline fuel calculations into chaos.

The average male passenger today is at least 10 pounds heavier than 10 years ago, and the weight of the hand luggage he takes on board is rising too.

But pilots calculating the amount of fuel they need to lift the new breed of passengers are still using average weights which are far too low, throwing outtheir precise calculations and raising the risk of taking on too little fuel.

The Civil Aviation Authority has written to all airlines telling them to increase the "notional weight" given for each passenger.

Originally every passenger was weighed as he or she checked in for a flight. But the need to speed up the check-in process led to the introdaction of the notional weight.

The last time it was tested, more than 10 years ago, the average man was found to weigh 11st 8lb (75kg) and the average woman 10st 2lb (65 kg). A recent spot check of hundreds of passengers at both Heathrow and Gatwick disclosed that men are getting heavier but not women.

The CAA wants the notional weight of the average man to be increased to 12st 6lb (80kg) but the women's weight will remain the same.

The test also disclosed that the notional weight given for children aged under 12, 6st 1lb (39kg), was too high and should be set at 4st 7lb (30kg).

The biggest difference in weight over the decade, however, has been in the hand luggage taken on board. It used to average just 6.6lb (3kg) but has shot up to at least 13.2lb (6kg).

In an attempt to simplify the entire calculation, the CAA has told the airlines that it proposes to introduce one notional weight, which will include hand luggage.

The CAA said: "It is essential, especially for charter operators, that the airlines have an accurate method of assessing how much their passengers will weigh so they can make the proper calculations for taking on board fuel".

ICI fined £2,000

ICI, the chemical consortium, has been fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £200 costs by Winsford magistrates for polluting the River Weaver in Cheshire.

Mr Albert Oldfield, acting for ICI, said the company admitted discharging effluent into the river.

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MPs summon dentist to explain 'wholly unacceptable' conduct

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons select committee will today summon a consultant dental surgeon to explain what the Health Service Commissioner has described as his "wholly unacceptable" behaviour.

Sir Antony Buck, chairman of the committee which shadows the Ombudsman, said yesterday: "This doctor was severely criticized in the Ombudsman's report and it seemed to me to be appropriate that he should be given the opportunity to put his side of the case to the committee, and that he should be given an opportunity to explain his conduct."

Parliamentary authorities were unable to think of any recent parallel cases in which individuals outside the sphere of Parliament have been asked to explain their conduct before a select committee.

Mr Geoffrey Wood, of the Arrowe Park Hospital in the Wirral, will be asked by the committee why on three occasions it took him more than four months to respond to patients' complaints, in spite of repeated reminders and warnings.

The Health Service Commissioner concluded that Mr Wood was "at best inept and at worst perverse", and that "common sense should have told the consultant that a prompt, formal and constructive response was required from him".

On two other occasions Mr Wood took more than four months to respond to complaints, finally replying with a single sentence: "I have no comment to make on the content of the letters sent by the respective authors."

It took a further approach by the hospital administrator to obtain a more detailed response.

Officials from the Wirral Health Authority will also appear alongside Mr Wood today to answer questions about two cases in which parents consented to their mentally handicapped children being given anaesthetics for minor dental work, only to discover later that half their teeth had been removed.

In one instance, a mother gave consent for "dentistry" which she understood to be three fillings, teeth-cleaning and possibly one extraction. Eight teeth were, in fact, removed.

In another, a mother gave consent for what she believed was to be a dental examination which had proved impossible without an anaesthetic. "She was horrified to discover when her daughter recovered from the anaesthetic that all her top teeth had been removed."

In both cases the Health Service Commissioner concluded that the descriptions of likely dental treatment were "so inadequate that the 'consents' they (the mothers) gave were travesties".

The health authority has apologized for both cases, and the committee will seek ways of preventing a repetition.

Mr Wood agreed last night that the delays were inexcusable but claimed that his own and other people's intervening holidays and postal delays made them appear worse than they actually were.

He also said that while he was directly involved in the surgery that gave rise to the first complaint, he was only the consultant in administrative charge of the unit in the case of the second two.

James Allen, aged 3, getting a spoonful of jelly from the actress Twiggy at a Christmas party in Norwood, south London, yesterday, one of more than 60 held by the store chain Woolworth throughout the United Kingdom for more than 3,000 children from Dr Barnardo homes (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

Portfolio Gold

Winners will buy presents

Two readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Thomas Howarth, aged 59, an unemployed purchasing assistant, from Urmston in Manchester, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

When asked how he intended spending the prize money, Mr Howarth said: "I'll have a nice Christmas and I'll buy my wife a nice present".

Mr Richard Gooch, aged 35, a technician from Newcastle upon Tyne, said he was "elated and pleased" to have won a Portfolio Gold share.

"I will use the winnings to pay off most of my debts and buy a few Christmas presents, which I would not otherwise have been able to afford", he said.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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PO Box 40,
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Mr Thomas Howarth, who plans surprise for wife.

Aids radio phone-in a success

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Radio warnings on the dangers of Aids are emerging as one of the most effective means of public education about the disease.

More than 1,000 callers a day have been contacting BBC Radio's *Helpline* to seek advice on advice. More than 85 per cent are heterosexuals and most are women, according to Broadcasting Support Services, which is running the phone-in campaign.

The campaign began four days ago with bulletins on Radios 1, 2 and 4 in which personalities such as Jimmy Young and Sue MacGregor give details of the confidential telephone service.

The service is in addition to the Government's messages on Aids which began to be broadcast on independent radio stations yesterday and will run until December 31.

The BBC announcements give details of a free number where trained staff from volunteer agencies, doctors and other health workers, provide advice to callers. The cost of the calls is being met by the Department of Health and Social Services.

The number is 0800-567-123, and the lines will remain open between 8am and 11pm until Christmas.

"The vast majority of callers want to know how Aids can and cannot be passed on," Mr Keith Smith, director of Broadcasting Support Services, said yesterday.

"About a quarter of the people ringing us are worried that they may have been exposed to the Aids virus, and want to know how to get a test."

● The first special home to help reformed drug addicts to care for their children is due to open next year in Brighton, east Sussex.

Special hygiene regulations will be in force at the home, which will operate on the assumption that all residents and staff are potential carriers of Aids. Drug addicts are a high-risk Aids group.

South retains grip on economic gap

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There has not been a substantial widening of the economic gap between North and South under Mrs Margaret Thatcher, according to official figures published yesterday. However, the statistics, published in the November issue of *Economic Trends*, show that the gap is still wide.

Income per head in Greater London, after tax and national insurance contributions, was 22.9 per cent above the national average last year. It was 32.4 per cent higher than in the North, defined as Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland, 32.2 per cent higher than in Yorkshire and Humberside, and 27.9 per cent above the North-west.

Such is the concentration of income in Britain that only three areas, Greater London, the rest of the South-east and East Anglia, have income levels a head above the national average.

However, the picture has not changed markedly in recent years. In 1975, income per head in Greater London was 20.2 per cent above the national average, 29.7 per cent above that in the North, 29 per cent above Yorkshire and Humberside and 23.4 per cent above the North-west.

Gross domestic product (GDP) a head, a wider measure of regional prosperity, shows that the most successful region under the current Government has been East Anglia.

Growth in GDP a head in East Anglia from 1980-85 exceeded the national average by 1.1 per cent a year. It was followed by Wales, with growth of 0.7 per cent a year above the average, and Scotland, which was 0.4 per cent higher. The figures exclude North Sea oil and gas output.

Yorkshire and Humberside grew at a rate 0.5 per cent a year below the national average, while the North-west, Northern Ireland and the East Midlands all lagged by 0.2 per cent a year.

One encouraging feature of the figures is the recovery in the fortunes of the West Midlands, hit hard by the manufacturing recession which occurred soon after the present Government took office. Last year, GDP per head in the West Midlands had recovered to 92.3 per cent of the national average.

GDP per head (UK avge = 100)

Region	1975	1985
North	93.6	92.9
Yorks/Humberside	94.1	91.8
East Midlands	96.1	95.7
East Anglia	92.8	100.7
Greater London	125.9	125.7
Rest of South East	103.6	107.7
South West	90.3	93.9
West Midlands	100.0	92.3
North West	96.2	96.0
Wales	88.7	88.9
Scotland	97.1	97.4
Northern Ireland	80.1	74.1

GP tells of 'knife accident'

A doctor described to the Central Criminal Court yesterday how he accidentally cut his wife's throat while trying to teach her a lesson.

Dr John Baksh, aged 53, who denies murdering his first wife, Ruby, and attempting to murder his second, Madhu, said he had no intention of hurting his second wife when he pointed a knife at her throat after a series of disputes.

The court has heard that Mrs Madhu Baksh, also a doctor, was found in bushes with her throat slit at Keston Ponds, near Bromley, on January 4 this year but "miraculously" survived.

Dr Baksh claimed he and Madhu planned to spend a happy day together but instead it had turned into "sheer hell".

He said Madhu had been very quarrelsome and agitated and during one argument had threatened him with a knife, saying she was going to cut his throat.

They finally decided to go to see friends to get advice. Dr Baksh said he took a knife with him so he could show the friends "just how serious things had got".

He explained he had been drinking heavily, taken three slimming pills, and had given Madhu an injection of morphine for a pain in her chest.

"When we got to Keston Ponds I wanted to stop. I thought if we both got some fresh air we would be better.

"I helped her over a fence and wanted her to sit down. She was muttering some odd things. Suddenly she said: 'Where's the knife?'

"I thought she was just hallucinating. I made her sit down near a bush. Then I foolishly went back to the car and brought the knife from the back seat back to her. I should not have done."

Dr Baksh, of Bickley Road, Bromley, Kent, with practices in Chislehurst and Eltham, told the jury: "In my mind I thought: 'I would demonstrate to her what it was like — how it felt — to have someone point a knife at someone's neck

"I told her 'there's your knife'. She pushed it with her left hand.

Dr Baksh demonstrated how his wife's hand came up and pushed the knife. It was the pressure of her hand which cut her neck, he added.

"Because of my state of mind I did not behave in the way I should have and called for help. I was in a state of panic and rushed home."

He agreed with Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for the defence, that he had just pointed the knife at her neck to "teach her a lesson or whatever".

The prosecution has alleged he gave Ruby a massive drugs overdose on New Year's Day 1983, while on holiday in Spain, so he could marry Madhu.

Dr Baksh said that he did not think at the time that Madhu was dying, and hoped she might walk home.

The hearing continues.

Transplant surgery ethics

Experts to question Yacoub

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A group of experts on medical ethics will question a leading transplant surgeon about his decision to graft the heart of a baby born without a brain into another infant.

The surgeon, Professor Magdi Yacoub, performed the operation to try to save a baby aged 17 weeks which had a serious heart defect. The child died two days later.

A working party to study the ethical issues of such surgery was being set up at the request of the Department of Health and Social Security before controversy broke at the weekend over the operation at Harefield Hospital, west London.

Professor Yacoub will be one of many doctors and lay experts asked to help the group to form guidelines.

A hospital spokesman said yesterday that it welcomed the formation of the group and said that its transplant specialists, including Professor Yacoub, would be "very willing" to give their views.

Dr Norman Halliday, senior principal medical officer at the DHSS, said yesterday that the ethics of such cases must be studied to avoid a possible public reaction against donor organ surgery.

Previous reports of donor hearts being taken from very young babies had suggested that the donor infants might be anencephalic, that is, born without a brain. The condition is extremely rare.

The working party will be led by Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, chairman of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties.

Sir Raymond, who is also president of the Royal College of Physicians, said yesterday: "Death is absolutely inevitable among babies born with anencephaly. Many are born dead, and the others live only a few hours.

"The problem is whether we can treat such an infant as a source of organs for transplantation. If so, is it justifiable to keep the infant alive until everything is ready?"

He said existing guidelines on diagnosis of brain death had proved infallible in adults, despite ill-informed comments to the contrary. The problem was that there were no good guidelines covering new-born babies and infants.

The Harefield spokesman emphasized that only one such transplant had been carried out, and that the donor heart was taken from a baby that had died naturally.

A ventilator was used on the infant while the heart was removed, but not to keep the child alive, he said.

Dr Michael Harrison, an American specialist, has advocated the use of donor organs from anencephalic babies in the current issue of *The Lancet*.

Esperanto in centenary celebrations

Esperanto, the international language which claims eight million adherents worldwide, including 10,000 in Britain, is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

In recognition of the event, Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour home secretary, launched a campaign in London yesterday for the wider use of the language.

His initiative is on behalf of the Esperanto Parliamentary Group, which numbers more than 200 MPs. Described by Stalin as "the language of bourgeois internationalism", the group believes instead that it is the answer to the international language problem.

Esperanto versions of Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, the Bible, the Koran and the works of Mao Tse Tung can be read at the Esperanto Centre in Holland Park, west London.

Recognized by British Telecom as a distinct language for telegrams, and now part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, the Welsh Tourist Board produces brochures in Esperanto, while Liverpool University has appointed a lecturer in the language.

Orchestra in merger bid 'safe'

By Gavin Bell

The Arts Council has pledged financial support for the Philharmonia Orchestra, after a takeover bid by a rival London orchestra.

The council, which funds all Britain's main orchestras, said that there was no question of the Philharmonia's subsidy being threatened if it resisted the proposed merger with the London Philharmonic.

Relations between the managing directors of the two orchestras were evidently strained yesterday, after a suggestion by Mr John Willan, of the LPO, that they be amalgamated under a holding company controlled by the LPO.

Mr Christopher Bishop, of the Philharmonia, rejected the overture as "idiotic", and yesterday reiterated that he would not discuss any future collaboration with the LPO until it was withdrawn.

A report in *The Sunday Times* said that the Philharmonia could forfeit the sympathy of the funding authorities if it rejected the initiative. However, the Arts Council said yesterday: "We refute completely the suggestion that should the Philharmonia not wish to be taken over by the LPO, that this would prejudice their subsidy."

This year the Philharmonia received £485,000 and the LPO £406,000.

Jury awards £8,000 to couple in false arrest

A couple who were detained for four days during a murder inquiry in which their son was a suspect won £8,000 damages against the Metropolitan Police in the High Court yesterday.

Mr William Holtham, aged 49, and his wife, Sarah, aged 45, of Upper Francis Street, Abertridwr, near Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, had sued the police and Det Chief Insp Derek Croft for false arrest.

A jury awarded Mr Holtham £2,250 and Mrs Holtham £5,750. The couple were also awarded interest and costs.

The couple were arrested at their home in November 1980 by police investigating the murder of a homosexual in London. They were questioned in police custody in London for four days but not charged.

Police believed they had been instrumental in the disposal of some stolen stereo equipment a vital clue to the murder of Mr Anthony Bird in June 1980.

Gareth Holtham, their son, described by police as "a promiscuous, violent and difficult homosexual", has not been charged with the crime and the police allege that this is because the vital clue is still missing.

The couple denied that any stereo equipment had come into their home.

Summing up to the jury yesterday on the question of damages, the judge said that the officers involved were "over zealous".

Doctor 'seen as easy drugs source'

Heroin addicts travelled to a Harley Street doctor from as far away as Glasgow because it was so easy to get drugs through him, it was claimed yesterday.

The addicts paid Dr Mohammed Rahman £20 for each prescription for a heroin substitute, the General Medical Council was told.

Mr Graham Boal, for the GMC, said it was believed some sold prescriptions to raise money for their next visit.

Mr Boal added: "Dr Rahman's patients came from a wide catchment area. It must have been obvious to him he was offering something they were unable to obtain in their own local areas."

Dr Rahman, of Chestnut Drive, Harrow, west London, is accused of serious professional misconduct by irresponsibly issuing numerous prescriptions in return for fees.

The hearing continues

Award for MS victim makes legal history

A man who suffered severe injuries in a road crash made legal history at the High Court in London yesterday because his £55,000 damages award included an undisclosed amount for the acceleration of his multiple sclerosis condition.

Mr Patrick Blake, aged 21, of Kingsmead Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey, was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis in January 1982, six months before the accident.

Mr Justice Rose said that after the accident, in which Mr Blake suffered multiple injuries to his right side, including his right leg, knee, arm and shoulder, his condition deteriorated.

"This is the first time to my knowledge that a court has had to decide whether an accident has accelerated multiple sclerosis. Mr Blake's multiple sclerosis was made worse by the accident. It accelerated his condition by about 15 years," the judge said.

Rover arrests

Police investigating the theft of tools and other equipment worth thousands of pounds from Austin Rover at Cowley, Oxford, arrested 12 people yesterday. Six were charged and the rest released

Dispute on altar goes to court

By David Cross

Two High Court judges and three bishops are being asked to decide whether a 10-ton marble altar sculpted by the late Henry Moore is a suitable ornament for the church which Sir Christopher Wren built as a trial run for the dome of St Paul's.

At a rare three-day hearing of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved, which opened yesterday in the Privy Council Chambers in Downing Street, Mr Peter Bodell, QC, said that the case for the altar was supported by churchwardens at St Stephen Walbrook, by the church's patrons and by half of an advisory committee.

The court, which has met only once before since it was set up 23 years ago to rule on doctrinal matters, is hearing an appeal from a diocesan consistory court last February.

On that occasion Chancellor George Newsom, of the London diocesan consistory court, deemed that the circular, flat scupture with carving round it was incongruous in the setting of the seventeenth century church in the City of London.

Conservationists had objected to the siting of the altar in the centre of the church under the dome, on the ground that Wren's churches were designed for an altar to be placed at the east end.

Another complaint was that Moore, who died earlier this year was an agnostic.

The altar, which was made between 1967 and 1972, was commissioned by Mr Peter Palumbo, the property millionaire, as part of a restoration scheme for the church. It cost £32,000 just to move the 8ft by 3ft 5in structure into the building two months ago.

Gang attacks woman, 102, and daughter

A woman aged 102 and her daughter, aged 73, were attacked and robbed of their savings by a masked gang who broke into their Birmingham home, the police said yesterday.

Mrs Lily Buncle, who is deaf and partially sighted, was lying on a bed-settee in the living room and her daughter, Mrs Lillian Meddings, was in a chair when three raiders burst in through a window. Mrs Meddings was almost suffocated in the attack, police said.

She had challenged the men and one of them punched her in the ribs and threw her on top of her mother.

Mrs Meddings started to scream and the robber held a cushion down on her face until she almost lost consciousness.

Inspector Mick Williams, of King's Heath police, said: "It was a despicable and cowardly attack on two frail women who stood no chance of defending themselves".

After terrorizing the pensioners, the gang ransacked their terrace home near King's Heath Park. They stole £620 and fled just after 6.30pm on Saturday.

Police are seeking three men aged in their twenties.

Third World aid

Oxfam plea for end to Cambodia ban

By Paul Vallely

The Government has been asked to lift immediately its ban on foreign aid to Cambodia where, behind a wall of international silence, conditions have improved little since the famine which gripped the country under the Khmer Rouge.

The request has been made by Oxfam. Mr Paddy Coulter, a senior official who has just returned to Britian after a tour of the country, said yesterday: "The situation there is desperate and yet there is almost no foreign aid going into the place. It is the only country in the Third World which does not have a United Nations development programme, yet it is one of the countries most in need of one.

"Things are really no better than they were at the end of *The Killing Fields* days", he said.

"In Phnom Penh people live camped out in the wreckage of buildings destroyed when the city was devastated by the Khmer Rouge government during its policy of removing all traces of anything Western.

"Infant mortality is 160 in every 1,000, which is of Ethiopian standards. Twenty per cent of the nation's children are chronically malnourished.

"Sanitation is appalling. People are drinking untreated sewage.

"The British people gave so generously to combat the famine in 1979 and yet because the place is on an ideological faultline there has been no real improvement since then."

The government of Cambodia, which was installed by the invading Vietnamese army in 1979 when the Pol Pot dictatorship fell, is not recognized by the United Nations because of that invasion, and is denied all official international aid, apart from very limited Soviet assistance.

A few governments, like that of Australia, give some aid through non-governmental bodies such as Oxfam, but most, including the British government, refuse even to do this for fear of sending the wrong signal to Hanoi.

"It is ironic. The sort of aid which Kampuchea (Cambodia) needs is the sort which the British Government is usually most anxious to give — that which helps British industry. Everyone I met was crying out for spare parts and technical assistance: spare parts for British Leyland vehicles, from the Belfast firm Mackies for the equipment to refit jute manufacturing factories, the technology to decontaminate the water system", Mr Coulter said.

Oxfam is to meet officials of the Overseas Development Administration next week to reinforce its plea and ask for aid to augment its own £2 million programme in the country. At the moment most Western aid to the region goes to the refugee camps in Thailand along the border with Cambodia. These are run by the coalition of guerrillas, including the Khmer Rouge, which is recognized by the United Nations as the official Cambodian government in exile.

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PARLIAMENT

Country disgraced by Armstrong, says Labour MP

Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary to the Cabinet, had disgraced his country by lying in the Australian court in the Wright case, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said, when he opened a debate on the management and operation of the security services.

He said that Sir Robert had lied for the Crown over the Attorney General's failure to stop publication of a book by Mr Chapman Pincher, over how copies of a synopsis of the book had come into government possession, and about the arrangements for clearing a book by Mr Nigel West, whose real name is Mr Rupert Allason, Conservative candidate for Torbay.

Sir Robert's lies, he said, had irreparably damaged the historic relationship between Britain and Australia.

Mr Campbell-Savours moved that the House should call on the Government to set up a judicial inquiry to examine the circumstances surrounding alleged attempts by officers of the security services to subvert the Wilson Government in the 1970s.

It also demanded that the Government should carry out all-party discussions with a view to repealing official secrets legislation and to introducing a new legal framework, giving *appropriate and necessary protection* to official secrets and, in particular, official secrets in relation to national security. It finally called for consistency in the application of the law.

Opening the debate, Mr Campbell-Savours said that 153 MPs had signed his early-day *motion in almost the same* terms as the motion for today's debate. He therefore went into the debate with their support and hoped to pick up more in a vote at the end of the debate.

He had been asked by a colleague last week what he was trying to prove.

"I am trying to prove that the law as it stands is not working; that the law is an ass in so far as it it is inconsistently applied, and there are those beyond the law as it exists."

Those beyond the law included some officers in the Services and some authors and journalists in the business of buying and selling secrets, most notably Mr Chapman Pincher, who had bought and sold secrets; also Mr Rupert Allason, the Conservative candidate otherwise known as Nigel West, who had sold secrets.

"I also include as among those beyond the law a number of security officers, including specifically Mr Arthur Martin, who is a former Clerk of this House."

He had been a Clerk of the House from the mid-1970s until about 1981, and had worked for MI5 until 1965 and for MI6 until 1975. He had remained very close to the security services during that period: so close that he was able to brief Mr Rupert Allason in detail for his book *A Matter of Trust*.

"I also include among those beyond the law two Conservative MPs who, if Mr Wright's allegations are true, are involved in action against the Crown. Mr Wright names two Conservative MPs in his book and I ask the Government to deny those accusations."

Only one of those MPs was still sitting in the House. Mr Wright said that they had acted as conduits for a smear campaign organized from within MI5 by 30 security officers, some of them very senior.

"They knew that information was coming illegally from within MI5, but did not speak out or report to the Home Secretary, but passed it on in the knowledge that it would destabilize the Wilson Government.

"I do not intend to name those Tory members, but I am approaching one and asking that person to make a personal statement before the book by Mr Wright is published.

"This affair is plagued with inconsistencies, deriving from deficiencies within the law.

"The Government, in a desperate attempt to plug the dike of inconsistency, has had to practise deceit and duplicity.

"That is what Sir Robert Armstrong has been doing in Australia. He has been lying for the Crown.

He lied over the failure of the Attorney General to stop the Pincher book and lied over the crucial question of how copies of the synopsis of that book came into the possession of the Government and about the arrangements for clearing Mr Allason's book.

"*Better not to answer than to* tell a lie.

"He has disgraced his country and earned the justifiable contempt of Australia, and done irreparable damage to the historic relationship between our two peoples."

Only the existence of close *family ties at a personal level* between those at home and those in Australia would ensure that that relationship endured.

He was at a loss to understand the lack of public protest at Sir William's indiscretions.

"What has happened to the old values?" (Conservative *laughter*). "Or was I brought up to believe in a myth?"

"This is the biggest political scandal of this Government."

It resulted from collusion between the British right and the security services and surpassed the Zinoviev *letter* in importance. That had sealed the fate of the British Government in the 1920s.

What had happened then had happened also in the 1960s and 1970s and would happen again in the future unless they intervened. There had been collusion down the years, but he would concentrate on security services' attempts to interfere with Labour governments.

In 1977, the then Mr Harold Wilson had told Mr Barry Penrose and Mr Roger Corder when he summoned them to his house in Lord North Street and set out his allegations against the security services, that for his last eight months as Prime Minister he had not known fully what was happening in security.

Those two journalists had made a point of keeping all their material on tape, and it was thus available today.

Mr Chapman Pincher had *also had much say on these* matters in his bbook, *Inside Story*. There had also been a number of articles in newspapers at the time of its publication. He had a file of those, and *The Times*, in particular, had seemed to take the allegations seriously, publishing much material and doingfurther investigative work.

What had happened in the 1960s had to some extent involved the same security officers as were involved in the 1970s.

The only dissenting view on those matters was that of Mr Joe Haines, a reputable journalist, he was told, with the *Daily Mirror* [Mr Haines was Chief Press Secretary to Mr Harold Wilson, when he was Prime Minister].

"But I am told that he has had his difference with Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and that may account in some part for his views."

Lord Wilson had not been taken seriously at the time because the whole issue had been overshadowed by the Thorpe affair, which had dominated Parliament for months and which had prevented a full debate.

Mr Wright had now surfaced *and was directly involved. He* was the first to whom he (Mr Campbell-Savours) gave full credence. He had surfaced to say that he was involved and that, to some extent, he had masterminded the operation and arranged it. He referred to burgling and bugging all over *London*.

"We cannot quote what he said *in manuscript*, but parts of it have become available by one means or another to the media *in Australia and particularly* to freelance journalists in New South Wales."

If there was any chance of this *happening again, he believed* Parliament had a duty to act fast.

The security services could assassinate the character of any politician. They could "assassinate" the present Prime Minister by way of rumour and innuendo.

She was seen in some quarters as a radical and all radical politicians stood threatened by the security services which, in the defence of the interests of the Establishment, might choose to take action to destabilize governments.

They could, if they sought to, destroy her and she must know it.

The inquiry conducted when Mr James Callaghan was Prime Minister was small and drew its information from only a few people. Mr Callaghan had taken soundings from the directors general of MI5 and MI6, the very organizations accused of irresponsible acts.

He did not believe that Mr Callaghan was fully aware at *that stage of the implications of* Sir Harold Wilson's allegations. He was sure that Mr Callaghan did his job at that stage within the confines placed upon him because he had responsibility for the security services. But if Mr Callaghan were faced by that decision today he felt sure he would undertake a far more detailed inquiry.

If these allegations had been raised in the USA there would *have been congressional committees* of inquiry set up. That had happened with Watergate and was happening again today with the arms to Iran issue. Such an inquiry would reveal the truth of this matter.

Mr Stanley Orme: Exodus of men from industry. Mr Peter Walker: Praise for productivity inb the pits. Mr Patrick NcNair-Wilson: Coal-fired power station concerns.

Attack on BBC's reputation

Who could deny that over the past 10 years the reputation of the BBC had declined, Lord Annan (Ind) asked when he opened a debate in the Lords on the Peacock report on the financing of the corporation.

Lord Annan, who chaired the committee on the future of broadcasting in the 1970s, said that although the corporation was remarkably efficient in, for instance, the use of studios, its managerial strategy was misguided and the director-general seemed to have lost control.

Referring to recent Conservative Party allegations of bias, *he said that it was not surprising* that after seven years in office the Government should come in for criticism.

"The BBC has no duty to uphold the Government of the day. But it has a duty to uphold the state".

The Peacock report was bold. *No report had tried to look so* far into the future. But he did not agree that in the short term the licence fee should be indexed.

Lord Willis (Lab), the playwright and director of Capital Radio, said it would be naive not to see the inextricable link between the Peacock report call for competition and the "systematic campaign of denigration of the BBC launched and sustained with *much vigour, if not* venom, by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and his look alike, the chairman of the Conservative Party, and others".

To destroy what had been achieved in the name of progress and change, or greater freedom of choice, would be an act of madness akin to pulling down St Paul's Cathedral because it has one or two structural faults and putting an office block in its place. But this is the long-term aim behind Peacaock and the campaign to discredit the BBC.

Lord Willis, who still writes for television, said that of course the BBC was sometimes biased and made mistakes, but was any *organization perfect?*

The licence fee was the one heavy stick which politicians could wield against the corporation, and the arguments about the fee were political and often manufactured. Most people believed it was value for money.

"Let us dispense once and for all with the notion that *the BBC* is a hot bed of communist or fascist activists; that its writers and producers are hell-bent on subversion and the destruction of moral standards. Such accusations can only come from unbalanced people.

"By all means let us change and develop but let us hold fast to the clear virtues or our present system."

Walker urges caution in coal marketing

COAL

The marketing of coal in this country had to be carefully formalized because one customer took most of it, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said when replying during Commons questions to a suggestion that miners should lease their own pits.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that one way to secure increasing investment in the pits would be to offer to groups of miners the right to lease their own mines, to hire their own management and raise money on the open market, involving them directly in their own jobs.

Mr Walker said the coal board had given miners a direct interest in their own jobs through incentive schemes.

Earlier, he told Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) that there were no plans for privatization of the coal industry at the present time. Heavy losses were being made. But if there came a time when miners could participate more directly he would be delighted.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said that there had been an exodus of men from the mining industry. Investment must mean not only money in machinery and development but also in recruitment and training.

A serious situation would arise next year if the exodus continued at its present alarming rate.

Mr Walker said that by March next year a major rationalization in the industry would have taken place. The week before last there had been two million tonnes of coal produced. That was very similar to the figure produced before the miners' strike, and with a third less people employed. But training and recruitment was very important for the future.

In a later question, Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said that for the week ended November 29 average revenue output a man shift was 3.64 tonnes, the eighth time the record had been broken in 10 weeks, and that continued improvement showed the growing confidence of miners in the industry's future.

Mr John Powley (Norwich South, C): The coal board deserves the heartfelt congratulations of this House and the country for the productivity improvements they have achieved. They will help to achieve a much more economic price for coal so that more coal can be delivered and that will help inflation and pensioners in a severe winter.

Would be speculate on whether these improvements would have been achieved under an alternative government with the support they gave the NUM which hindered the efficiencies I believe have taken place?

Mr Hunt: These tremendous efforts by miners and management mean good news for the consumer and the industry and for the country. Weekly output a man shift is an impressive 49 per cent higher than the average in 1983-84, the year before the strike.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Since he is praising miners for the extra productivity, will he now follow up his words with some action and recommend to the NCB that they ought now to be considering a proper pay increase for the miners to reward them for this productivity?

That should not be on bonus schemes but on the average rate of pay, in a similar fashion to what the Government did for top generals and civil servants, so that he will be rewarding them for their extra effort.

Mr Hunt: He should take some time out to reflect on the logic of what he has said. As a result of these magnificent efforts, in the latest earnings survey miners have once again been restored to the top of the pay league, and long may that remain the case.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): In congratulating the management and workers in the mining industry for achieving these targets, does he not agree that the best way to add good news to that congratulation is by ordering farther coal-fired power stations? There is no reason why that should not be done in advance of the decision on Sizewell.

Mr Hunt: He has already heard the response to that. It is only by reducing cost and winning markets that the coal industry can build a secure future and protect long-term employment.

Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo (Nottingham South, C): The growing confidence to which he referred is undermined by the deplorable conduct of Labour MPs who have sat silent and rooted to their seats in committee, showing a deplorable attitude to the miners in this country.

Mr Hunt: I was very sad that the Labour Opposition should have chosen to remain silent on these vital clauses for the future of the industry and for fair democracy in the trade union movement.

40% of homes own shares

BRITISH GAS

More than two in five British homes now own shares, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons question-time exchanges about the privatization of British Gas. He added that in 1979 on average only one home in twelve owned shares.

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C), who began the exchanges, said: The two million first-time investors in British Gas means that there is a total of nine million investors at least in this country, compared with two million in 1979. Is this not a *tremendous achievement*, since there are now as many investors as there are members of trade unions?

Criticisms of the cost of privatization are thoroughly unfounded. The cost of the issue was about 2 per cent of the proceeds, which is well below the average cost of any new issue launched on the Stock Exchange.

Mr Walker: On the latter point, yes. The actual amount spent on informing the public of the details and communicating with them was relatively small compared with the remarkable result. In 1979 on average one home in twelve owned a share. Now more than two homes in five own a share and I hope that soon the majority of homes will.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C): Under nationalization the British public neither owned nor felt they owned *British Gas in any way. Now we* have genuine public ownership of this great and important industry.

Mr Walker: It is important to realize that now for the first time 99 per cent of the employees of British Gas have a share in their own company.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) said that in general the public were not selling immediately after the issue but holding on. They understood the idea of mass share ownership and were enthusiastic.

Mr Walker said the great majority of people who bought British Telecom shares were still holding on to them and he was sure that that would be true of British Gas.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): In view of the scandals on both sides of the Atlantic on insider dealing and the drop in the profits of British Airways, the next industry to be privatized, instead of wanting to spread share ownership widely everybody should be advised that dabbling in shares could damage their financial health.

Mr Walker: I know that his party has been totally against privatization and deeply deplores all those people who have taken advantage of it.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C): Following the Britoil privatization, which left a substantial body of stock with the underwriters, this particular stock seems to have been launched at about the right level, which ensured a fair price for the British people and a reasonable return for small *investors in the future*.

Mr Walker: Yes, the flotation did go well. We have a situation where basically 88 per cent of the shares are with the British public: 64 per cent with individual members of the public and 24 per cent with British institutions. It shows this was the right thing to do.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L): Given the amount of "hype" in promoting British Gas, there *is some resentment among* people who never had an opportunity of being customers, such as people in Northern Ireland, rural and some urban areas, that they should have been excluded from the premium allocation of shares.

Mr Walker: I watched with *interest* the position of the Alliance on this. I hope the country will realize that they were totally opposed to privatization and I hope the two million gas customers who obtained an allocation will note that the Alliance was against it.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy: Is he saying that out of 16 million gas customers, two million have purchased shares?

Does this not *mean that* he has created two classes of ownership and in actual fact some of the poorest consumers are the people who now not only have no shares but are not going to get any benefit from a reduction in price?

Mr Walker: The poorest consumers who have *no shares* are unlike those consumers who at the time of the previous Government had a 20-per cent increase in their gas price to help *the Chancellor* of the Exchequer.

Power station report

Delay 'legally necessary'

SIZEWELL

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, has to wait until he receives the full report on Sizewell in January before he *is legally able to make a decision* on the recommendations of Sir Frank Layfield, Mr Alastair Goodlad, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said during question time.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, had demanded that the House and the country should be told the contents of the Layfield report at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Goodlad: Sir Frank Layfield *has delivered the bulk of his* report to the Secretary of State, but he can only take a decision on the full report, and he intends to reach a decision as soon as possible after having the full report.

Timing is a matter for the inspector, but he expects to *deliver the remaining section of* the report about the middle of January.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) had asked whether the minister had read reports, one of which prophesied a power crisis with the possibility of blackouts.

"The Government promised that it would order one power station a year, but not one has been ordered in eight years."

Mr Goodlad: The Government supports maintenance of the capability of the home industry while there is a lack of overseas orders. Ordering is essentially a matter for the electricity supply industry and the only application made for a new power station has been for Sizewell B. *We recently met representatives* of GEC and NEI and have passed on their representations

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C): Are plans going ahead for coal-fired power stations on the Channel coast, including two in south *Hampshire, on the edge of the* New Forest. Is it not unusual to build them so near the largest oil refinery in Britain?

Mr Goodlad: The CEGB is considering a number of sites but has made no firm decision on them.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab): The dearth of orders over the past 10 years has led to the danger of specialist teams being broken up and not being available when a decision on Sizewell B is made.

Mr Goodlad: That is why the Government has provided support aid for winning overseas contracts.

He added later that a mix of power sources was very important.

Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said that the import of coal by the *CEGB was a commercial matter* for the board. As part of the agreement announced last June, the CEGB had undertaken to purchase 95 per cent of its annual coalburn from British Coal. In line with that, the CEGB expected to limit the amount of coal it imported.

Mr Alex Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy, said that nearly five million tonnes of coking coal had been imported in the first nine months of this year and nearly half a million tonnes of anthracite. That had an impact on the balance of payments.

Court costs question is rejected

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, declined to give the total cost to the Government to date of the Peter Wright court case in Australia when pressed to do so during Commons questions.

He said that matters of security were matters for the Prime Minister, who had said in a recent answer that, because the court case was not finished, a precise figure could not be given.

He was replying to Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) who said that the daily cost of the action in New South Wales was £120,000.

Dr Oonagh McDonald, for the Opposition, said that the Prime Minister should give a formal apology to the Australian court because of the way in which Sir Robert Armstrong, head of the Home Civil Service, had been obliged to mislead the court there at the Government's behest.

Mr Luce said the Prime Minister put the security of the nation first.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that if anybody had come out of this event with a banana skin wrapped all over his face, it was Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Luce said the whole nation saw that now.

Business help for the arts is increasing, says Luce

ARTS SPONSORS

Business sponsorship of the arts continued to increase and it was the Government's broad strategy to fuel further expansion by ensuring that the private sector played a more prominent role, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said during question time in the Commons.

He said that business sponsorship of the arts continued to increase. "Under the Government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme a *total of* £10.7 million new money for the arts has been raised and over 370 businesses have sponsored *the arts for the first time*".

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C): £10 million, although welcome, is relatively small against the potential for much greater sponsorship, which is very great indeed. Would he keep this initiative open and make sure that many more businesses are made aware of the tax advantages and the opportunities they have?

Mr Luce: He is right. Although this incentive scheme has allowed 370 new businesses to take part, a much large opportunity is there and I think this is the *time to get across nationally and* in our constituencies, that there are a wide range of tax incentives for those supporting the arts.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab): While not opposed to business interests giving more support and assistance to the arts, *the only real way* forward is for the Government and local authorities to support the arts on a public basis.

Mr Luce: We *have to deal* with the arts not in a narrow sense, but as part of a broad strategy including the public sector, through the taxpayer and ratepayer, through the local authorities, but above all the private sector, through businesses, and provide in this way a partnership to give support to the arts. That is how I see it developing.

Mr Norman Buchan, Opposition spokesman for the arts: Does he stick by his proposition that all future expense of development must come from private sources as he has repeated three times in the past 12 months?

Is not a consequences that arts directors and administrators are *becoming fund raisers and there* is a collapse in basic public funding? Does he defend the situation he announced last week of a standstill in cash terms, and therefore a cut, in the amount of money going to national museums and galleries?

Mr Luce: He looks at the arts in a narrow sense and appears not to know what is actually going on. There has been an increase in the number of arts centres. *The Government's commit*ment is to keep up support for the arts and its broad strategy is to fuel expansion of the arts by *encouraging the private sector* to play a more prominent role.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C): It is essential that the provinces get more than the share they have in the past. It is not enough to support the prima donnas in London.

Mr Luce: I am happy to agree. It fits in with the Government's strategy that the arts should be for everyone.

Civil Service and Oxbridge

The proportion of "Oxbridge" recruits to the administrative and higher executive grades of the Civil Service dropped this year to 47 per cent, compared with 59 per cent in 1981, Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, said in a written reply.

He said that 24 of the 41 *recruits in 1981* were graduates of Oxford or Cambridge, and in 1986, 38 of 81 recruits to those grades were from Oxford or Cambridge.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 3) Order.

Lords (2.30): Fire Safety and Safety at Places of Sport Bill, second reading.

Chamberlain row involves Whitelaw

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister, has been drawn into the controversy over the attempt by Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet, to block the publication of the private papers of Neville Chamberlain about the abdication.

In his role as Lord President of the Council, Lord Whitelaw is to be asked in the Lords on whose instructions and with what object in mind Sir Robert asked Birmingham University not to release the papers, which include the former Prime Minister's diary.

As disclosed in *The Times* on Friday, the Cabinet Office first gave the university permission to publish the papers next year and was then told recently by Sir Robert that the original advice was a mistake and that they should be kept under lock and key until 2037.

The action has caused concern among MPs and historians who doubt the legal basis for Sir Robert's action.

Lord Avebury, the Liberal peer, has tabled the question to Lord Whitelaw and today Mr David Alton, Liberal MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill, is *expected to receive a reply* from Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, about the action taken by Sir Robert.

Mr David Alton: Answer to question expected today.

The controversy has arisen because, although ministerial papers are the property of the Crown and can be subjected to secrecy orders, it is not thought that the same applies to private papers.

Mr Alton believes that the Government is applying unfair pressure to the university. He said last night: "This smacks of the dead hand of the state being applied to academics who are understandably fearful that grants to their institutions *may be at risk if they* ignore the Government's request not to release the papers".

Censure for Bank and Government

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government and the Bank of England will both be sharply censured tomorrow for their failure to warn either tin dealers or miners of last autumn's tin crisis, one of the largest commercial defaults in history.

That will be the third report on the subject by the all-party trade and industry committee, which was angered by the Government's claim in response to the first report that the Bank of England had warned the dealers on the London Metal Exchange.

In its second report the committee noted that the Government had failed to tell the committee that in evidence, and continued: "Trying, by these hints issued via the Bank of England, to walk away from the International Tin Council's debts – and then only issuing these hints to a *select few – is not a suitable* way for a government to conduct itself".

In tomorrow's report the committee examines the Government's claim further and is understood to conclude that mere hints issued via the Bank that the Government would not provide additional finance if the ITC over-spent were totally inadequate.

It will point out that the Bank knew of the impending crisis only through its role as confidential adviser to the Government, and that the Government therefore had no *right to expect the Bank to go* round breaching that confidence by warning of what was going to happen. In evidence the Bank has asserted that it was the Government's adviser, not its "agent".

But the Bank is also likely to be criticized because all along it had a separate and long-standing agreement to act as adviser to the London Metal Exchange. That, the committee believes, placed it in an untenable position from which it should have taken steps to extricate itself. The exchange was entitled to better advice.

*The report will farther criti*cize the Bank for its obstructiveness in refusing to divulge more than the barest details of what information it had been given on the impending crisis by the Government.

Twice formal summons had to be issued by the committee

The tin dealers have lost an initial £165 million through the crisis. *The creditor banks*, which received no warnings of any sort, are owed £340 million and, of the four Cornish mines, one has ceased prodaction and the other three have been kept open only through £25 million of government aid.

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Police hope computer will help to solve murders of three girls

Police investigating the murders of three young girls are optimistic that the Home Office will this week provide money to enable them to trap the killer or killers using a computer.

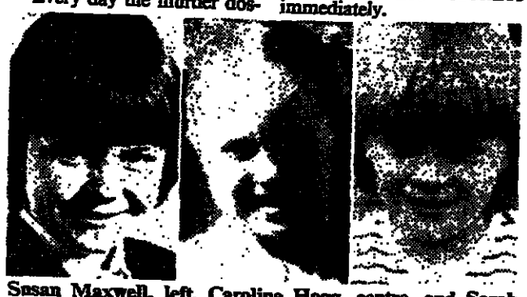
The six forces involved in the four-year hunt have millions of words on file which they need to feed into Holmes, the Home Office computer system introduced after lessons learned from the Yorkshire Ripper case.

If the money is forthcoming, Holmes is expected to pinpoint links and parallels which individual officers could well have missed. It will almost certainly, and speedily, help detectives decide whether they are hunting one or more killers.

Every day the murder dossiers grow fatter. Within hours of a child-molesting incident anywhere in Britain telexes flash to the murder headquarters, and detectives must sift through mountains of information seeking comparisons. Holmes could do it in seconds.

The Edinburgh HQ of Lothian and Borders police illustrates the problem. There detectives still work round the clock on the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, who disappeared from Edinburgh in 1983 and whose body was found in Leicestershire 10 days later.

They have more than 24,000 statements and 75,000 records, which they are ready to feed into Holmes immediately.



Susan Maxwell, left, Caroline Hogg, centre, and Sarah Harper, whose murders could be solved using a computer system specially-developed for the Home Office.

Caroline Hogg's case is being investigated by Lothian and Borders and Leicestershire police. Leicestershire already has Holmes, but has not fed the Hogg case into it yet.

Links already spotted convinced the six chief constables that there was a strong case to put to the Home Office.

Det Supt Tom Wood, of Lothian, disclosed similarities already established between the case of Caroline and Susan Maxwell, aged 11, whose body was found on August 13 in a lay-by near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

He said that both were abducted within 50 miles of each other, both went missing on a Friday in July, both were found dead 40 miles apart in lay-bys near main routes, 400 miles from their homes and within 40 miles of each other in the Midlands.

Fewer links have been established in the case of Sarah Harper, aged 10, who vanished last March 26 from Leeds and was found 24 days later, 70 miles away, near Nottingham.

Her case is being investigated by West Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire police forces. West Yorkshire has Holmes and the Harper case already fed into it. Nottinghamshire has Holmes but has not fed in the Harper case.

Vicki Cooke, left, and Lisa McFall, both aged 17, spending a day as refuse collectors in a work experience scheme at Lewisham, south London.

Afterwards, Vicki, of Watergate Street, Deptford, said: "It's hard, but not as bad as I thought it would be."

A talk at school by a council official led to the offer. Lisa, of Dartford, had asked why there were no women "dustpersons" (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Future of jazz centre under threat

The National Jazz Centre in London faces closure if a £1,637,000 grant from the now defunct GLC is ruled unlawful in the High Court.

Westminster City Council, supported by the London Residuary Body, which has taken over many of the functions of the former GLC, yesterday launched a legal challenge to grants totalling more than £2 million, which were awarded by the GLC last March.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, for Westminster, told Mr Justice Webster that the GLC decision was unlawful because it failed to consult the borough, as required under the Local Government Act 1984.

A legal spokesman for Brent Community Law Centre, which is opposing the application, said the jazz centre, in Covent Garden, was in voluntary liquidation. It faced extinction unless the grant awarded by the GLC to meet building costs and debts was released.

The hearing continues.

Coroner's verdict challenged by police

The Metropolitan Police yesterday began a High Court challenge to a coroner's verdict that John Mikkleson, a Hell's Angel who died in custody, was unlawfully killed.

They claim the directions given to the jury by Dr John Burton, the West London Coroner, were "wrong in law, inadequate and confusing".

Mr Robert Alun Jones, counsel for the police, is asking the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to quash the verdict, order a new inquest and declare that the standard of proof on unlawful killing should be "beyond reasonable doubt".

Mr Mikkleson, aged 34, from Windsor, died in hospital in July last year after being arrested by police following a fight at Bedfont, west London, during which he was hit on the head with a police truncheon.

While unconscious, he was put in a police van and then left on the charge room floor at the police station before being taken to hospital by ambulance. He died without regaining consciousness.

The jury decided that the unlawful killing was due to manslaughter as a result of the degree of care given to him after he was overpowered.

The hearing continues today.

TV star's complaint is upheld

A complaint by Bruce Forsyth against the *Daily Mail* is upheld today by the Press Council.

Mr Forsyth's solicitors complained that he had agreed to an interview only if he was granted the right to approve the copy to be published. However, changes in the piece, by Peter Sheridan, which appeared, went beyond ordinary sub-editing and changed the balanced draft into a hostile attack.

The paper's associate managing editor, Mr Mac Keene, said that the newspaper was not aware at the time of publishing of the full nature of the undertaking. Mr Sheridan said Mr Forsyth was fully aware that there would be substantial work still to do.

The Press Council's adjudication said:

"The newspaper's explanation is that when it published the article it was unaware of the full nature of the undertaking its writer had given. He has told the Press Council that on publication the Assistant Foreign Editor was not at hand to emphasize Mr Forsyth's copy approval.

"This cannot excuse the newspaper's failure to honour an undertaking to which it was bound by its reporter. He and the newspaper have apologized privately to Mr Forsyth for what happened: the paper should have been prepared to do so publicly."

Boys used knives to rob women

Eight schoolboys who used knives and imitation guns to threaten shop assistants in a series of robberies were given sentences of up to 16 months' youth custody at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge Evans said that they had planned the robberies when women were working alone. They had assaulted some of the victims.

All eight had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to a number of charges in connection with five robberies and one attempted robbery.

The heaviest sentence of 16 months' youth custody was given to Satpal Gattaora, aged 18, of Masefield Avenue, Southall, west London.

Also sentenced were:

Norman Vaughan, aged 16, of Waxlow Crescent, Southall, five months' youth custody; Narinder Ghattoura, aged 18, of Cromwell Road, Hayes, Middlesex, 10 months; Ranjit Kalsi, aged 16, of Ranleigh Road, seven months; Samad Golumanlly, aged 16, of West End Road, seven months; Rajan Bhola, aged 16, of Damson Wood Road, all Southall, five months. Baljit Lall, aged 17, of Bycroft Road, Southall, was sentenced to three months at a detention centre, and Luckvinder Ahitan, aged 17, of Stanley Road, Southall, was ordered to do 60 hours' community service.

Community care: 2

Debt forces third of homes to close

In the second of two articles on private residential homes, ***Jill Sherman*** *looks at how some owners are giving up the struggle of hard work for little reward.*

An estimated one in three small private homes go bankrupt or close because they cannot meet the bills, in spite of reports that residential homes profit out of the elderly and mentally ill.

In other cases owners, often working and living in the homes, suffer from burn-out and emotional stress, sometimes causing marital breakdowns.

At present, most residential homes, which provide non-medical residential care, charge between £125 and £200 a week. Residents who go into private or voluntary homes are entitled to weekly board and lodging payments of £125 and £9.05 spending money, with no medical assessment of their needs.

Potential private owners quick to see a guaranteed income jumped on the band wagon in the early 1980s. Homes have mushroomed and it is estimated that 6,000 are now operating, a 50 per cent rise over last year. In 1979 there were 25,000 people in private homes. Since then the figure has trebled.

Many owners have no management experience and fail to keep accurate accounts or have budgeting systems, according to Professor Malcolm Johnson, professor of health and social welfare at the Open University.

"The average life expectancy of a property is only three years. But 21 per cent of homes close within a year and 41 per cent within two years," he said. "About one in three of small proprietors who enter the field go bankrupt or leave the business with heavy losses."

Some people get out before they are financially ruined. Others go out of business because their registration is withdrawn, or they decide to opt out rather than fight deregistration in a tribunal.

Some who do succeed, sell up and move on to a bigger home or another type of business. The residents often come off the worst, having to move from one home to another, both a physical and emotional upheaval. "The continuity of care is lost and the resident suffers", Professor Johnson said.

In many cases, the husband and wife live on the premises and often work more than 60 hours a week. Twenty-five per cent of owners never have a holiday in the first year of business and most do night duty themselves to avoid hiring night staff.

While social service departments complain that the Government is propping up the private sector by directing £500 million in supplementary benefits for their residents, private owners complain that weekly payments are insufficient.

The National Confederation of Registered Homes Associations has appealed to the Government to make special allowances for those smaller homes, which often provide higher quality.

"If smaller homes are to meet the high staffing requirements set by local authorities, they often find it impossible to make ends meet," Mr Chris Beddoe, the association's national director, said.

The Department of Health and Social Security should consider weighting the supplementary benefit payments towards the smaller homes, he said.

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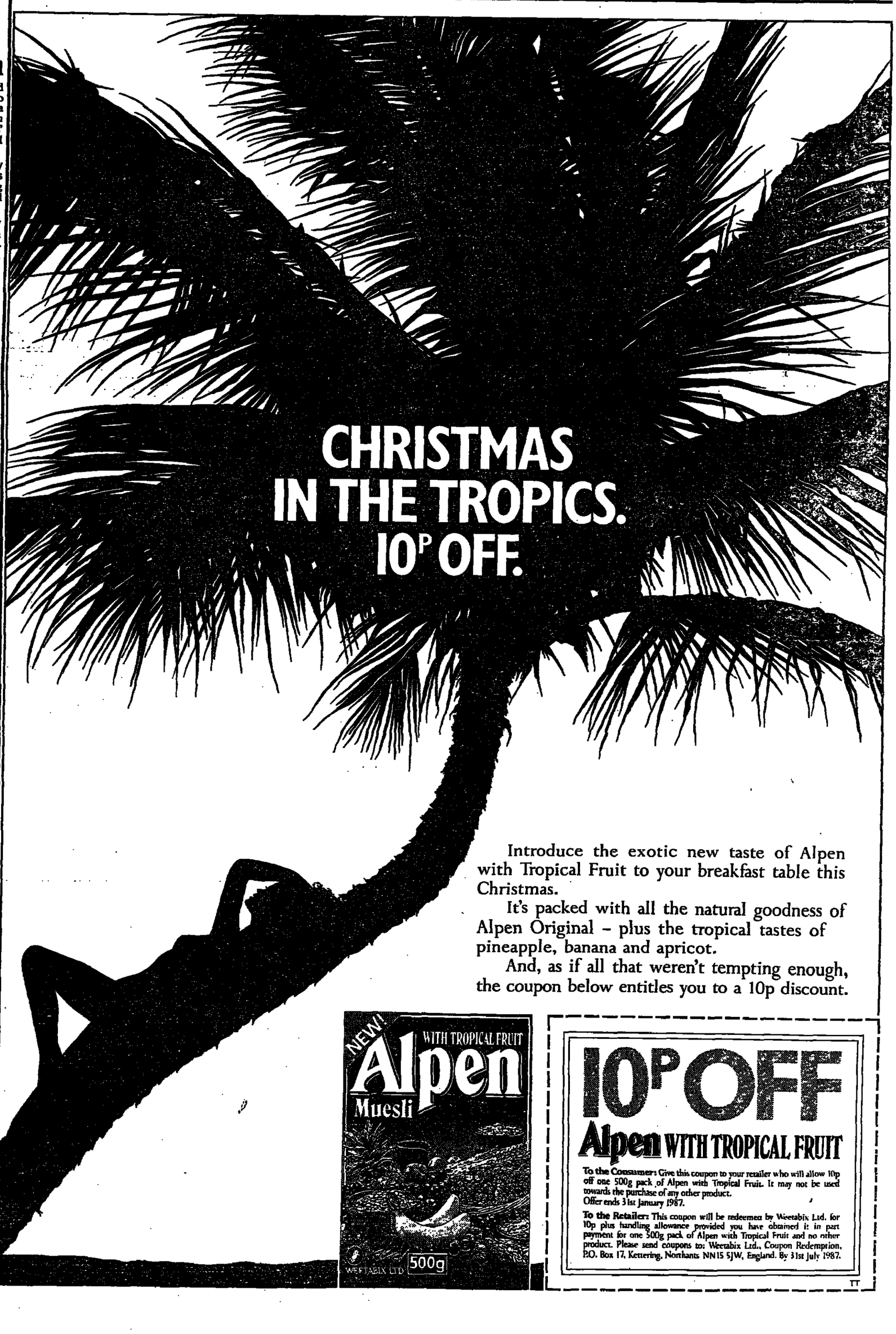

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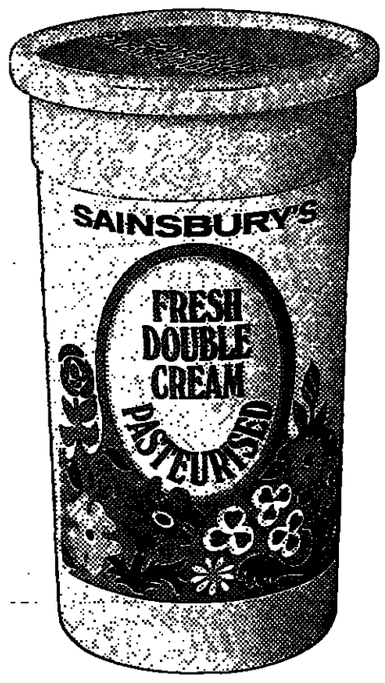

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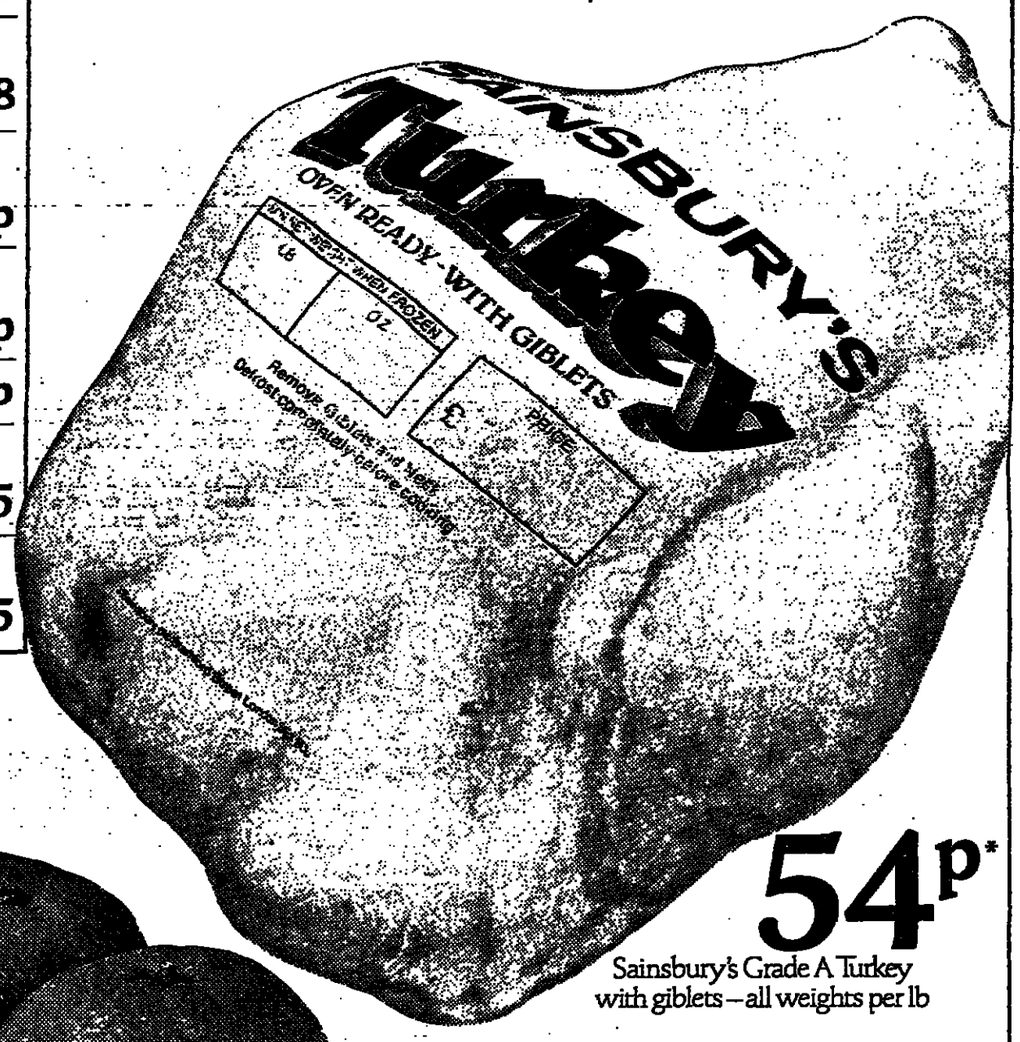

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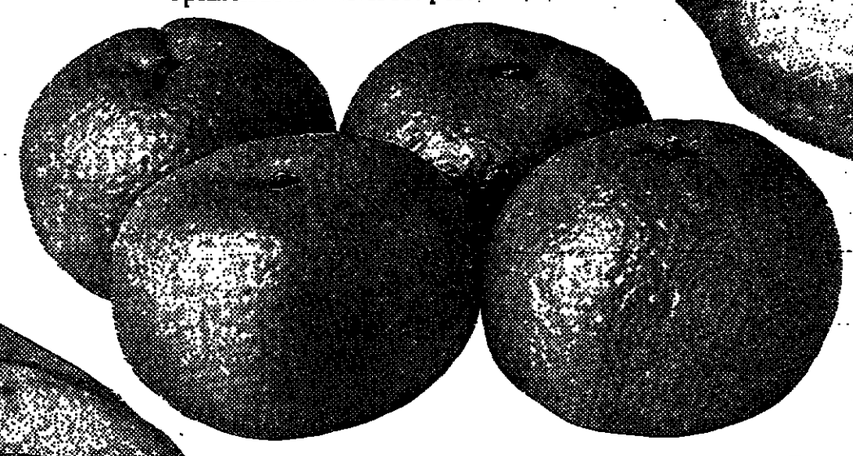

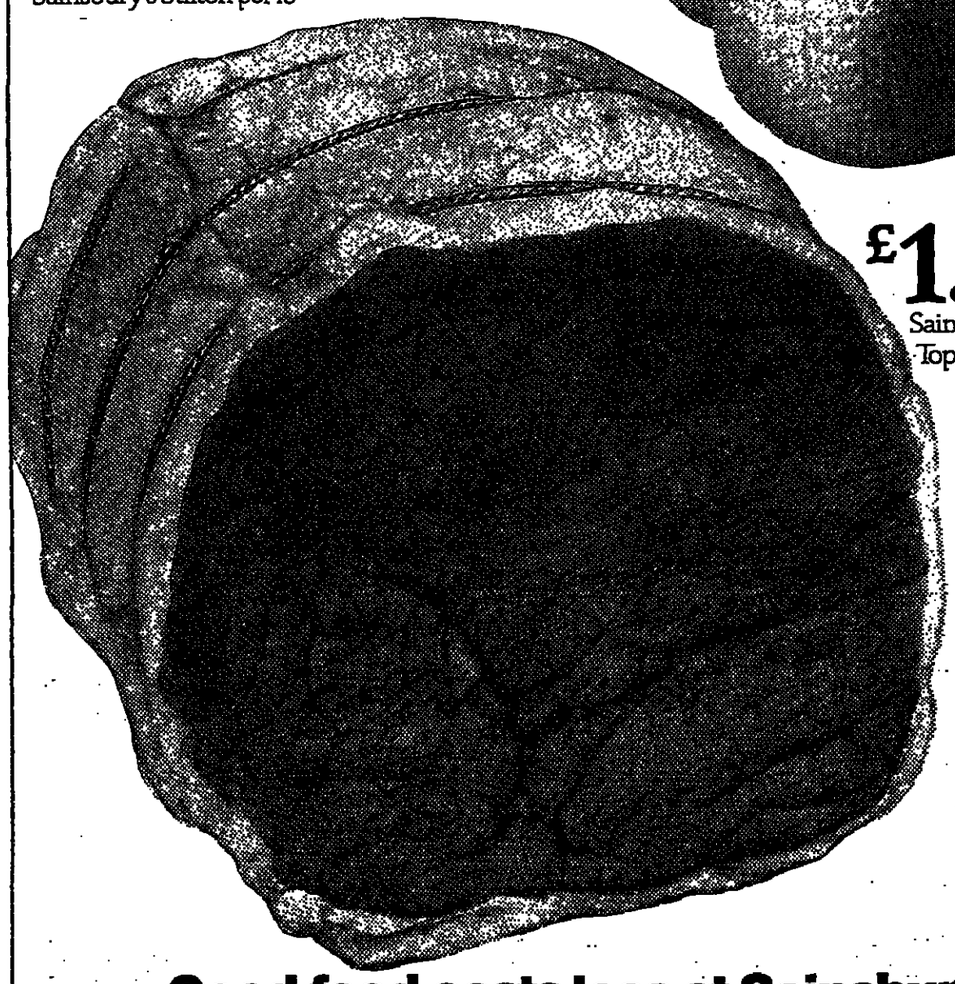

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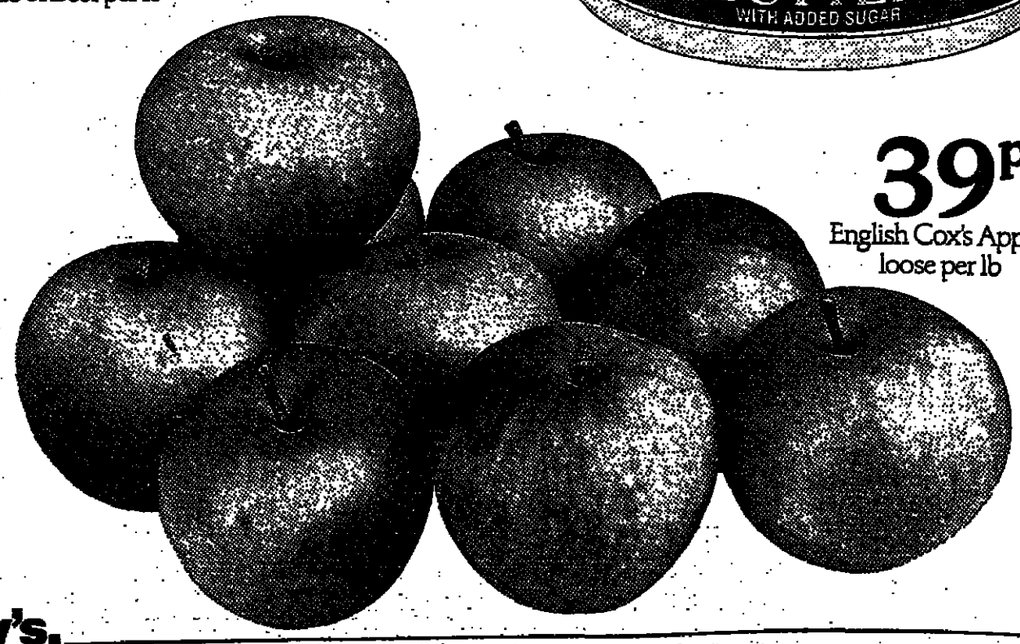

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WORLD SUMMARY

Ethiopian envoy will not go home

Stockholm – Mr Taye Telahun, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the Nordic countries, announced his defection while denouncing his Government's oppressive policies here yesterday (A Correspondent writes).

The 54-year-old envoy said in a statement: "I cannot in good conscience any longer continue to condone and defend the policies of the Government which had sent me here as its envoy."

He said the Addis Ababa regime was more interested in keeping itself in power than working for the well-being of the Ethiopian people.

Mr Talahun ceased to be ambassador on Friday, he said. He has not sought asylum in Sweden and has refused to disclose where he will go.

Mother's suicide bid

Paris (Reuter) – A young French mother, right, accused of drowning her young son two years ago in a mysterious case that gripped French public attention, was taken to hospital yesterday after attempting suicide, her lawyer's office said.

The condition of Christine Villemin was serious, following her admission to the Luneville hospital near Nancy after she took an overdose of barbiturates. A spokeswoman for her lawyer said Mme Villemin, who has repeatedly said she is innocent, was depressed by a Nancy appeal court decision last week that she be tried by assize court for murdering her son, Gregory, and by press speculation that she would be found guilty.

Valletta charge

Valletta – The leader of Malta's opposition, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, yesterday accused the police of obstructing the magistrate investigating the killing of a Nationalist Party supporter 10 days ago (Austin Sammut writes). He claimed police had attempted to frame Peter Paul Busuttil, a Nationalist Party activist, who was due to be charged with the killing of Raymond Caruana. He was instead sent to hospital.

Protesters arrested

Stockholm – Police arrested 110 youths after a demonstration and an occupation of an empty building in central Stockholm (A Correspondent writes).

Nine of the arrested were charged with violent rioting, an act which carries a sentence of up to 10 years' imprisonment. The rest of the youths were released after a few hours. The demonstration was in protest against the city's housing policy.

Two rivers of big risk

Geneva – The Rhine and the Mississippi are so polluted by chemicals that "it is doubtful whether they can be regarded as suitable sources of drinking water", according to the UN Environment Programme (Alan McGregor writes).

Dr Jan Huismans, who runs its international register of potentially toxic chemicals, said it had become "increasingly difficult for local authorities along the Rhine in West Germany and The Netherlands to see that maximum pollution levels are not too far exceeded".

The same applied to New Orleans and studies have suggested that contamination of the rivers could be linked to the fact that people using water drawn from them suffer slightly higher cancer rates.

Dhaka amnesty

Dhaka – President Ershad of Bangladesh has ordered the release of 203 prisoners charged with anti-government agitation during martial law rule (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Those freed under an amnesty marking today's 15th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan include political, trade union and student activists held in prison without trial under the Special Powers Act.

Trinidad election

Port of Spain – A high turnout was expected yesterday as Trinidad and Tobago voted in a general election (Jeremy Taylor writes).

The People's National Movement, seeking a seventh consecutive five-year term, claimed responsibility for the stability of this oil-exporting state of 1.2 million people, but the National Alliance for Reconstruction had united most of the fragmented opposition forces.

Voyager nears storm

Mojave (Reuter) – Pushed by favourable winds, the experimental Voyager aircraft made steady progress yesterday in its historic attempt to circle the Earth without stopping or refuelling, but a tropical storm lay ahead.

"They are less than 24 hours away from a tropical storm which they will avoid, but they are now in clear, smooth air and enjoying the ride," a Voyager spokesman said.

White House crisis: • The Swiss connection • Managua's prisoner

Berne freezes bank accounts allegedly used in arms deal

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Swiss Government has imposed a one-month freeze on "at least two" bank accounts alleged by the United States to have been used to siphon Iran arms payments to the Nicaraguan Contras.

This is the first action taken by Berne in the affair and comes after a reply from Washington, received on Saturday, to a December 8 request by the Swiss Justice Ministry for details of alleged criminal offences referred to in a US communication.

The accounts are with Credit Suisse, which has taken full responsibilty and frozen one account already. Last week it said, however, that the freeze could not last indefinitely without specific details from Washington.

The name of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed White House aide, is linked with one of the accounts, according to the Justice Ministry. Retired Air Force General Richard Secord and Mr Albert Hakim, an Iranian-born US businessman, are believed also to be connected with the accounts.

The US reply gave enough details of alleged offences, including diversion of funds, to justify the Government move, which in itself is no more than the first step towards giving US investigators access to the accounts.

● **'Temporary aberration':** The former British Ambassador to Washington yesterday dismissed the crisis at the White House over the Iran arms deal as a "temporary aberration" and he predicted that its implications would not be as serious as those which arose from the Watergate affair (Nicholas Beeston writes).

In his delivery of the 1986 Churchill lecture to the English-Speaking Union in London, Sir Oliver Wright said: "I should have thought that the British interest lies in the matter being dealt with as swiftly as possible, so that the Government of the United States is not hamstrung by uncertainty or diverted from its essential role of leading the Western world."

Sir Oliver, who retired six months ago after four years in Washington, said that at worst President Reagan would be found guilty of a breach of the law caused by a flawed policy.

Americans upset, too

Cairo (AP) – Egyptians offended by US arms sales to Iran should realize that "the American people feel exactly the same way", Senator Edward Kennedy said yesterday.

After meeting President Mubarak for an hour, Senator Kennedy suggested that the only way Washington could reclaim the friendship of moderate Arab state was by "deeds, not just words".

The arms sale to Iran had caused tension between the US, Jordan and Egypt, he said.

The senator, who becomes chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee next month, met the Egyptian leader at the end of a Middle East tour that had already taken him to Israel and Jordan.

Arrested American 'in Contra plots'

From Martha Honey
San José

Mr Sam Hall, an American arrested in Nicaragua on alleged spy charges, has for years been part of the Contras' shadowy "private aid" network and has presented himself as a US Government intelligence agent.

Acquaintances say Mr Hall has been involved in several daring plots, including one inside Nicaragua, aimed at making money and at precipitating direct US military involvement against the Sandinistas.

Señor Miguel d'Escoto, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, said in Managua that Mr Hall had been detained on Friday near a military airfield with maps and other incriminating papers stuffed in his socks. He said Mr Hall, who is being held incommunicado, said he was working with the "Phoenix Battalion".

Mr Hall's arrest comes two months after the seizure of an American airman, Mr Eugene Hasenfus, whose arms-laden cargo plane came down in southern Nicaragua.

Both men are believed to be part of a large, elusive network which, since the US Congress cut off military aid to the Contras, has continued to keep supplies flowing through, in part, the sale of arms to Iran and the co-operation of high level Government officials.

Press reports from Washington say Mr Hall, aged 49, is a member of the Alabama-based Civilian Material Assistance (CMA), formerly known as Civilian Military Assistance, an allegedly private organization headed by Mr Tom Posey which has sent military trainers and supplies to anti-Sandinista rebels.

Mr Hall is the brother of a US Congressman, Mr Tony Hall, an Ohio Democrat, who has been an opponent of US aid to the Contras and who said that he and his brother have had strong disagreements over the US-backed war against the Sandinistas.

According to three members of the private aid network, Mr Sam Hall has worked with the Contras in Honduras and has been one of the lesser known participants in several bizarre schemes.

Mr Sam Hall, the American arrested near an airbase in Nicaragua, who is being held on suspicion of spying.

Mr Peter Glibbery, a British mercenary who is in jail here for his Contra activities, said that Mr Posey introduced him and another Briton, Mr John Davies, to Mr Hall in Decatur, Alabama, in early 1985.

Mr Glibbery said Mr Hall showed them a letter on Central Intelligence Agency stationery, photographs of himself in military uniform in Lebanon, El Salvador and other places and implied that he was working as an intelligence agent.

Mr Hall had also discussed with them a plot to seize inside Nicaragua a Soviet-made helicopter and fly it to a neighbouring country.

He is alleged in an affidavit by a man jailed in Florida to have taken part in discussions of a plan to bomb the US Embassy in San José and kill Mr Lewis Tambs, the Ambassador to Costa Rica, with the aim of blaming the attacks on the Sandinistas.

Jesus García, a Cuban American jailed in Florida on charges of illegal possession of a machine-gun, has said that in January 1985 he and Mr Hall took part in a meeting in Miami where the plan was discussed.

The affidavit, a copy of which *The Times* has in its possession, summarizes the contents of a lie detector test given to García in which he states: "At this meeting, Mr Hall presented a blueprint of the United States Embassy (in San José) and a schedule of the Ambassador's daily activities. The stated purpose of the conspiracy was to blame this operation on the Sandinistas, thus gaining support for the Freedom Fighters (Contras)."

Mr García's affidavit further says that another aim of the meeting was to collect $1 million (£700,000) offered by Colombian drug dealers for Mr Tambs's death. Mr Tambs had just been transferred from Colombia to Costa Rica following the announcement that drug dealers had put a bounty on his head because of his efforts to crack down on cocaine trafficking to the US.

Other members of the private aid network and Contras interviewed here and in the US have provided more details of this bizarre plot.

● **WASHINGTON:** Representative Tony Hall said yesterday that he was concerned about reports that his brother had been arrested in Nicaragua (Mohsin Ali writes).

A spokesman for Mr Hall said that the congressman was expected to get in touch with the Nicaraguan Embassy soon.

Slow drama unfolds in Bokassa trial

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extreme and arbitrary brutality – began his formal defence. "It is a thankless task being a president," he said in his slow, clear French. "Someone in my position, responsible for the destiny of an entire nation, that's a lot on one plate."

Gesturing frequently, he looked straight into the face of M Edouard Frank, the presiding judge, who like his two colleagues on the bench was already sweating under the weight of heavy scarlet and black robes and gold-braided caps.

Behind Bokassa, his French defence lawyers, Maîtres Szpiner and Gibault, looked no more comfortable in their black gowns with a splash of white lace at the throat.

After warning that it would be a long slow session, they skirmished with the state prosecutor about the admissability of the more hair-raising accusations – mass murder of school children and cannibalism – levelled at their client.

But before that battle began in earnest, Bokassa, straight-backed as any old soldier and abandoning his notes in moments of emotion, was on his feet for 70 minutes. "Those who now accuse me of such barbaric deeds insult the Central African Republic as well as myself," he snapped when the prosecutor denounced him as the source of all the "abominations".

The main thrust of Bokassa's defence gradually emerged, albeit somewhat confusingly. He seemed to be arguing that such terrible things had never happened, and if they did, they were the fault of his trusted subordinates, in particular, his cousin David Dacko whom he had overthrown to take power back in 1966.

In keeping with the incestuous nature of power politics here, Dacko then served under Bokassa and, when French troops parachuted in to topple the Emperor in 1979, he again became President.

Before the hearing had begun what seemed like half the nation's armed forces were busy around the building. On Bokassa's first public appearance after his return from exile in France, at last month's reading of the charges, people cheered him heartily with shouts of "Vive l'Empereur".

Perhaps to avoid a repeat of such public embarrassments for the present regime of M André Kolingba, access to the area around the court was more strictly controlled yesterday by the imposing person of Colonel Jean-Claud Mansion. This tall, strikingly handsome French army officer, who is commander of the Presidential Guard, is a figure of some mystery in Bangui. He is most often seen striding around with his ear to a walkie-talkie.

Yesterday when he was satisfied with the security arrangements, he waved us into the court past some of his men who were frisking female spectators with unusually intimate thoroughness.

When the hearing finally opened there was a brief confrontation outside as the unprivileged sought to gain admission. Colonel Mansion looked on calmly, lighting up yet another Gitane, as police pushed them back.

Inside, the going had indeed become heavy: Bokassa was still meandering through many dates, names and places that seemed to have little relevence. Maître Gibault bobbed up occasionally with objections, but it was slow drama.

How the proceedings moved to the subject of the appalling death, allegedly on Bokassa's orders, of army colonel Alexandre Banza is unclear, since it was not among the charges as laid. But suddenly there was real drama. The relatives of Banza, a key figure in Bokassa's seizure of power, came forward to stand shoulder to shoulder with his alleged murderer before the judges.

Despite strenuous protests by the defence, we learned that Banza, suspected of plotting against Bokassa in 1979, had allegedly been brought before a Cabinet meeting where the Emperor began slashing at him with a razor.

The prosecution claimed that Banza was beaten half to death, then dragged through the streets of the capital as a deterrent to any other over-ambitious young officers. After his farcical trial, he was taken out and shot. (It was alleged that Bokassa also ordered the death of his parents and some other relatives.)

One who survived, a daughter Martine, was first to testify. She shot Bokassa a glance of pure hatred before she spoke, but he showed no sign of having noticed.

As the prosecution pressed to nail the former Emperor over the Banza affair, he observed mildly: "I've got quite enough crimes levelled against me without you blaming me for every murder in the country during the last 20 years."

Church bells to ring in new black campaign

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A 10-day "Christmas against the emergency" campaign – involving a boycott of shops owned by whites, the lighting of candles in house windows and the tolling of church bells – is due to start in South Africa's black townships today in the first important test of Pretoria's new emergency regulations.

It appears that December 16 was chosen for the campaign launch because it is a public holiday celebrated annually by Afrikaner whites in commemoration of their Boer ancestors' victory over the Zulus at the Battle of Blood River in 1838.

It also marks the 25th anniversary of the first sabotage attack by Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the military wing of the African National Congress, which has been banned and driven underground in the past year.

Reporting on the effectiveness of the campaign – called by the United Democratic Front (UDF), a loose alliance of more than 800 anti-apartheid groups – will be difficult as new censorship regulations specifically forbid unauthorized news or comment on the success or otherwise of consumer boycotts.

The UDF made its call for the Christmas campaign before the new regulations came into force.

It is now an offence, liable to a maximum fine of rands 20,000 (£6,250) or 10 years' jail, to incite or encourage people to take part in consumer boycotts.

It is also an offence to encourage participation in other forms of civil disobedience, including rent and school boycotts, protests, strikes and stay-aways, and soliciting public support for township civic associations, street committees, people's courts and other "alternative structures" – that is, groups which are independent of the Government.

So far the UDF, which claims more than two million members, many of them active in "alternative" bodies, is still operative despite the mass arrests of its grass-roots supporters.

UDF members account for the bulk of the estimated 20,000 people detained during the state of emergency.

Ukraine struggles to cope with Chernobyl radiation risk

From Christopher Walker
Zdvyzhevka, Ukraine

Nearly eight months after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster authorities in the Ukraine are still facing huge but little publicized medical, financial and logistical problems coping with the contamination risks which it posed to several million Soviet citizens.

Last week, I was one of the first Western correspondents permitted to tour the region and to inspect the costly efforts being undertaken to minimize the human cost of the April 26 explosion.

At the new village of Zdvyzhevka, 60 kilometres (about 38 miles) from the crippled reactor, hundreds of families are beginning the difficult process of resettling into new brick-built homes (each costing £30,000 to construct).

Mr Anatoly Romanenko, the Ukrainian Health Minister told *The Times* that the continuing fear of "the invisible enemy, radiation" was one of the main difficulties with which his officials were now faced.

Mr Romanenko said that various techniques including massage and music were being used to calm Chernobyl evacuees with psychological problems.

One evacuee, Ludmilla Sdanevich, aged 33, a shop assistant, said that she had a blood sample taken every 10 days to monitor her medical condition.

Like others now living in the soulless but solid-looking new village, she claimed to have suffered no special illness since the disaster.

"I have no fears about having children when the time comes," she added.

Chernobyl aftermath: Evacuees stroll through a new village, left, while, in the 21-mile zone around the disaster area, right, men still check the fields.

Because of the high levels of radiation suffered by the 135,000 people evacuated from the 18-mile wide "dead zone" around the plant (90,000 of them from the Ukraine) all are being provided with special food supplies brought to them from areas of the country where there is less risk of contamination.

In the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, the third largest city in the Soviet Union with a population of 2.5 million, only sub-zero temperatures are preventing the washing of all streets and buildings three times a day.

The precaution will be resumed once the weather improves.

In the meantime, the streets are being cleaned specially by a fleet of mechanical vacuum cleaners.

Mr Nikolai Lavroukin, the deputy mayor, explained: "We are using several hundred mechanical vacuum cleaners to keep down the possibility of radioactive dust.

"Because our city is built on seven hills, we have had to abandon temporarily the process of washing it with fresh drinking water which would only freeze and cause traffic chaos."

He said that between 50 and 80 vehicles a day were prevented from entering Kiev because they showed too high a reading on the strict Geiger-Müller counter checks being mounted on all eight main routes in and out of the city.

All vehicles found to be over the limit – usually those coming down the special highway from Chernobyl which has been closed to all other traffic – are turned back to be washed at centres manned by officials in protective clothing.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, scores of vehicles were banished for use in the "dead zone" only because no amount of washing would have made them safe.

Although the authorities in Kiev are putting on a brave face the struggle to return life to normal, they acknowledge that Western tourism has dropped virtually to nil.

Tamara, an Intourist guide, said: "I am afraid that the capitalists are afraid to come here anymore, no matter how much we tell them that everything is now all right."

In the view of Western scientific experts, short-term visits to Kiev are considered safe now but none is willing to sanction long-term stays there.

The Times was told by Mr Romanenko that the background radiation, now standing at 0.04 milliroentgens, twice the average, should be back to normal by May.

In the 22 Kiev markets and others in the region, the sale of all privately produced milk and dairy products is still banned for an indefinite period.

The residents refuse to eat fresh mushrooms or berries, and all foodstuffs go through an elaborate three-tier radiation check before being allowed on sale.

Symbolic of the radiation problems faced by Kiev – whose residents are the butt of cruel jokes in other parts of the Soviet Union – was the fate decreed for the dead leaves from the chestnut trees which make the city one of the most attractive in the country.

This year, instead of being disposed of in the normal fashion, they had to be buried as radio-active waste.

In addition to the 31 people who have so far died as a result of the accident, 209 remain in hospitals and sanatoria suffering from various degrees of radiation sickness.

The most seriously affected are all firemen and others who helped fight the early stages of the disaster.

Soviet doctors dealing with them have noted a remarkable similarity between their symptoms and those caused by the disease Aids.

"The treatment is very complicated because, like Aids, radiation directly affects the patients' immune system," the Ukrainian Health Minister said.

Despite the provision of new houses and flats, he said, many of the Chernobyl evacuees – especially the elderly – were demanding constantly to be returned to their deserted homes in the contaminated countryside closer to the nuclear plant, where two reactors have now resume operation.

Among those we spoke to, the main reason for their demands appeared to be a natural desire to return to the familiarity of home, combined with an inability to grasp the full dangers caused by the fall-out from Chernobyl.

A typical example was Anastasia Panasivona, aged 72, a peasant, who complained that with her new central heating, she missed being able to sleep on her stove – a favoured Ukrainian custom for combating the rigours of winter.

Swiss pair describe kidnapping

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The two Swiss nationals abducted by South African security forces from Swaziland last Friday, and returned on Sunday, told reporters in Mbabane, Swaziland's capital, yesterday that they were taken blindfold first to Middelburg and then to Pretoria.

The seizure of the couple, Mr Daniel Schneider, a commercial artist, and his fiancée, Miss Corinne Bischoff, an assistant hotel manageress, both aged in their 20s, was the subject of sharp protests from the governments of Switzerland and Swaziland.

Miss Bischoff said that she was told by one of her South African police interrogators that she could "become a rich woman overnight" if she identified members of the outlawed African National Congress in Swaziland.

She said her captors suddenly became much more pleasant, even apologetic, as if they realized they had made a mistake, and offered her proper clothes (she was still in the night clothes in which she had been kidnapped) and food.

On Sunday, the two Swiss were flown by helicopter to the Oshoek border post about 12 miles from Mbabane where, according to Swazi sources, they were met by Mr Sam Sterban, the South African trade and consular representative in Swaziland.

There has still been no official comment here on the killing of a 13-year-old boy in the armed raids last Friday.

Action Directe blamed as Paris car bomb kills the wrong man

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A quirk of fate saved M Alain Peyrefitte, editor-in-chief of *Le Figaro* and a former Gaullist minister, from certain death yesterday when the car he normally uses at weekends exploded outside his home in Provins, killing his chauffeur instantly.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, but police believe it could have been the work of the extreme-left French terrorist group, Action Directe, which claimed responsibility for the assassination of M Georges Besse, managing director of Renault, outside his home in Paris last month.

It was the first time for 20 years that a French political leader has been the subject of a terrorist attack.

The trial on charges of murdering two policemen of three leading members of Action Directe had to be postponed earlier this month when five of the nine jury members dropped out after being threatened by Regis Schleicher, one of the accused. Action Directe, which has close links with the German Red Army Faction, has claimed responsibility for more than 50 terrorist attacks in France over the past seven years.

M Peyrefitte, who is known for his right wing, law and order views and who as Justice Minister in 1979 was the author of the repressive "security and liberty" Bill, has no doubts that he was the prime target of the group's latest attack.

"I have been saved, another has been killed in my place," he told his wife on learning the news.

His Paris secretariat described it as a "miracle" that he had not been killed. Every Friday M Peyrefitte, who has represented Seine et Marne in Parliament for the past 28 years and who has been Mayor of Provins since 1965, leaves Paris to spend the weekend in his continuency home.

A Citroen BX, belonging to the town, is always delivered to his home for his personal use on the Friday evening before being picked up again

M Peyrefitte: 'Overwhelmed by unjust death.'

on the Monday morning. However, M Peyrefitte had lost the keys to his official car last weekend and therefore took out his ancient, Renault 504 instead. Again quite exceptionally, he returned to Paris on the Saturday evening.

The Citroen BX, with the bomb presumably already planted in it, therefore remained untouched until M Peyrefitte's chauffeur came to fetch it shortly after 8 am yesterday.

The car would not start at first, so the chauffeur had to change the battery. However, it was not until he put it into gear that it exploded with a deafening blast which was heard throughout the town.

M Peyrefitte said that although he had been the object of several death threats during the years that he was Justice Minister, as well as for a couple of years thereafter, he had received no threats in recent years.

"I was probably chosen as a symbol because I believe there can be no liberty without order in a society," he said.

"I am overwhelmed by this horrible and unjust death.

"There is nothing more revolting than the death of an innocent person."

M Peyrefitte left Paris soon after the attack to express his sympathies to the family of the dead man, M Serge Langer, aged 51. M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, also visited the family.

M André Giraud, the Defence Minister, said that "terrorism had struck totally blindly once again". M Franck Borotra, spokesman for the Gaullist RPR Party, condemned recent criticism of the police, and said that the attack should make the public realize the importance of national unity around the police and the legal system.

However, M Jean Poperen, Deputy Secretary of the Socialist Party, said that the "hateful and bestial" act had demonstrated that the considerable security measures taken by the conservative government since coming to power nine months ago could not prevent such attacks.

Police investigators inspecting the former minister's car which exploded in Paris yesterday, killing the driver.

Israel refuses plea to return French killer

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

French officials have told Mr Avraham Sharir, the Israeli Justice Minister, that it would be difficult to guarantee the safety in prison of a convicted murderer France wants sent from Israel.

Mr Sharir explained this in the High Court here yesterday in an affidavit he was required to give explaining why he turned down the extradition request for Mr William Nakash, who was convicted by a French court of the 1983 murder of an Arab barman in Besançon.

The French authorities said they would do everything possible to protect Mr Nakash, but they could not guarantee his safety, given the difficulty of controlling organized gangs in prisons.

The Justice Minister said he had tried to overcome the problem by bringing in a law which would allow Israelis convicted abroad to serve their sentences in Israeli prisons, but this had run into domestic political problems.

According to Mr Roland Roth, Mr Nakash's lawyer, there is a "contract" out in the French underworld for his client. Mr Roth claims the murder victim was a member of a powerful criminal clan from North Africa, with 300 of its members serving prison sentences in France.

Tamil guerrilla groups battle for supremacy

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

After bitter fighting which claimed the lives of at least 30 guerrillas over the weekend, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) yesterday gave 24 hours to their rivals, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) to surrender in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

The LTTE, the most powerful of the five Tamil guerrilla groups fighting for a separate Tamil state in Sri Lanka's northern and eastern provinces, announced that it had taken over 28 EPRLF camps during the weekend in the northern part of the country.

Residents in the northern city of Jaffna said that about 300 EPRLF guerrillas were disarmed. The LTTE statement added that as from today, there would be house to house searches for EPRLF guerrillas.

In the island's eastern province, the LTTE certainly seems to have gained the upper hand. It has accused the EPRLF of robbing people, attacking Muslims there.

The Indian authorities have not commented on the fighting, saying that it is an internal Sri Lankan matter. However, two Indian ministers are in Madras to discuss the Sri Lankan Government's proposals to end the conflict with Tamils.

Philippines ceasefire marred by shooting

From Keith Dalton
Manila

About 100 New People's Army guerrillas opened fire on an isolated army camp on Panay Island yesterday in the first armed clash to mar the six-day-old Philippines ceasefire, the state-run Philippines news agency reported.

The agency and local military officials reported no casualties during the attack on the 19-man detachment in Aklan province, 235 miles south-east of Manila.

Brigadier-General Domingo Rio, the military commander, said the attack was "a clear violation of the ceasefire agreement between the Government and the rebels".

The attack preceded a meeting of the five-member National Ceasefire Committee, which is investigating the killing last week of two civilian militiamen and a peace demonstrator as well as the entry of almost 80 armed rebels into Samal, a town 20 miles west of Manila.

Despite these "incidents", the committee on Saturday issued a joint statement saying that no substantial violation had occurred in the first ceasefire in the 17-year insurgency.

● *No return:* An emergency Cabinet meeting decided yesterday it would be "against the national interests" for the deposed President Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to return from exile in Hawaii after the death on Sunday of his sister, Mrs Elizabeth Marcos-Keon, and his public announcement that he hopes to return home before the end of the year.

Mr Marcos fled to Hawaii and his passport was cancelled after a civilian-backed military revolt in February installed President Aquino.

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Final EEC talks

Agreement hopes dying with candle

From Richard Owen, Brussels

EEC foreign, agriculture and transport ministers met yesterday for the last time under Britain's chairmanship in a final bid to make progress before the end of 1986.

But there was an air of bleak mid-winter about their prospects, with little or no hope of agreement on the outstanding issues of farm surpluses, the trade war with Washington and cheaper air fares.

Mrs Rita Holberg, the Danish Farm Minister, lent a seasonal touch to the proceedings by lighting a Christmas candle on the conference table.

"I hope our discussions splutter out before this candle does," she told a bemused Mr Michael Jopling, Britain's Agriculture Minister, who has been chairing the marathon talks.

They did not, and Mrs Holberg expressed her ennui by ostentatiously knitting a pullover (no doubt a Christmas gift) as she and her colleagues again failed to agree on cuts in milk and dairy quotas.

So far she has completed the back and two sleeves, and few officials doubt that she will have knitted the whole garment by the end of the talks.

Mr Jopling presided over three days of talks last week followed by further talks at the weekend, including an all-night session on Sunday.

He had said he was prepared to go on as long as necessary, but the talks must end by tomorrow, when he chairs the final Fisheries Council meeting for the year.

Some progress has been made: faced with a growing outcry over the food mountains ministers accept, for example, the need for dairy quota cuts to reduce the butter and milk powder surpluses. But the Commission wants a 6 per cent cut as a first stage.

France wants less and West Germany and Ireland want token cuts only and were prepared to veto anything approaching 6 per cent, even though Mr Jopling proposed substantial compensation for farmers. Similar differences remain over cuts in beef output.

To complicate matters the southern EEC states insist that the northern states – which produce the surpluses – should bear most of the sacrifice involved in cutting back. A Commission proposal for a one-off sale of the 1.5 million tonne butter mountain found little favour.

Mr Michael Spicer, the Aviation Minister, conceded yesterday that there was still no agreement on liberalizing air transport and the latest – and last – British bid failed. But he said there was unanimity on more flexible

cials that Britain knows it cannot complete its programme in the week before the Christmas break and is simply "doing a bit of last-minute Christmas window dressing".

The foreign ministers, under the chairmanship of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday sought to head off a looming trade war with Washington after failure to reach a compromise at high level US-EEC talks in Brussels at the weekend.

The trade dispute over farm exports is directly linked to the imbalances caused by the farm subsidies of the common agricultural policy.

The Americans have said that on that date they will retaliate against a range of EEC food exports unless the Community compensates America for the loss of grain markets in Europe after EEC enlargement, which resulted in a EEC trade

New figures from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimate that production of world cereal will reach a record 1,858 million tonnes this year (John Young, Our Agriculture Correspondent, writes). Above average output has been realized in all the world's main producing regions, including China, India and Pakistan. Nigeria and Morocco have achieved record harvests; the Sahelian countries of West Africa attained a record output for the second year running; and Zimbabwe and Sudan are thought unlikely to be able to find export markets for their surplus production.

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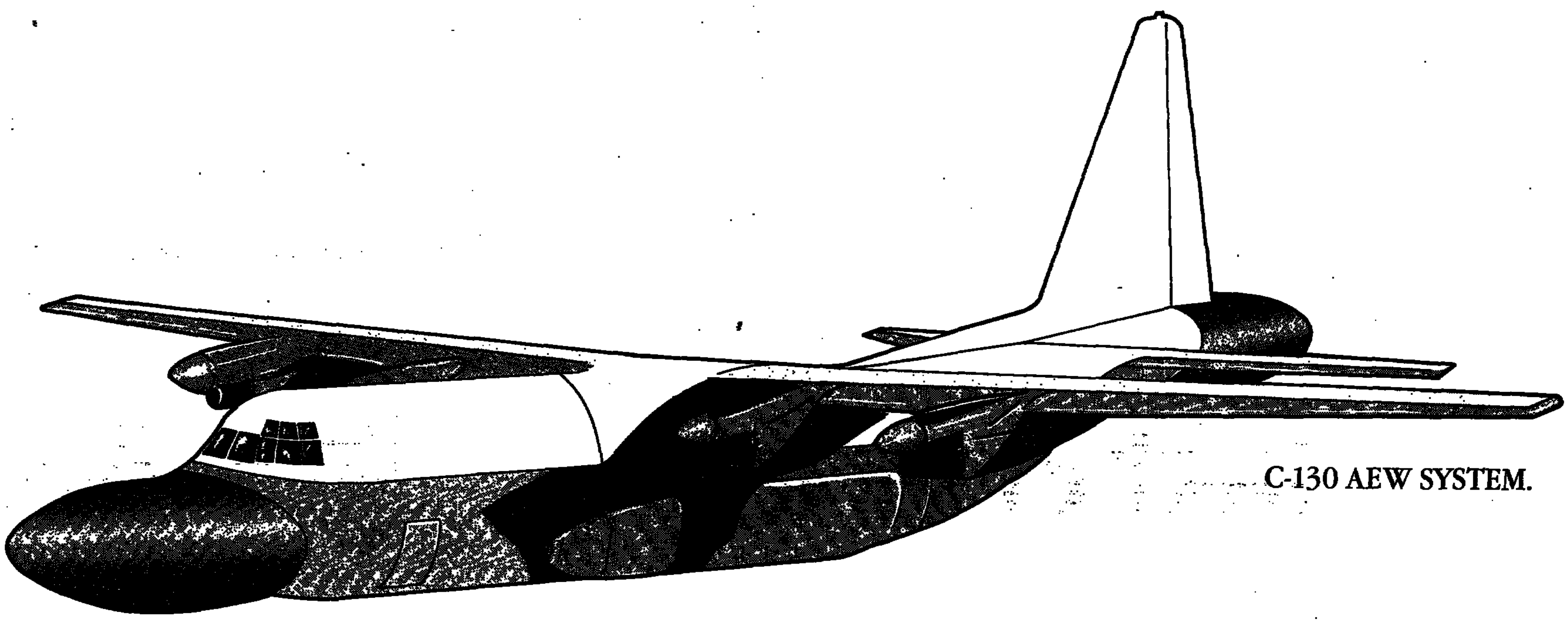

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The MI5 case: moments of scorn

Protecting public interest claim is baloney, says judge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Justice Powell gave British lawyers another hard day at the start of final submissions in the MI5 book trial yesterday, suggesting that Whitehall's claim to be protecting the public interest was "baloney".

At the same time, in enunciating at this late stage what he evidently still sees as potential obstacles to the injunction the British Government seeks against Mr Peter Wright's book, the judge also heaped scorn on the evidence of Mr Michael Codd, the Cabinet Secretary in Canberra, whose affidavit in support of Whitehall's case, he said, had no credibility.

The judge outlined a hypothesis which compared Mr Wright, as a voice in the wilderness warning about Soviet penetration, with Churchill on Nazism in the 1930s.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, for the Government, will pick up the threads of his case today to continue arguing that Mr Wright is barred for life from disclosing any details of his service with MI5.

Yesterday, Mr Simos cited legal precedents for arguing that although Mr Wright may not have been employed under a written contract binding *him to perpetual silence*, he was constrained by an effective contract, and/or an equitable obligation of confidence, and/or a fiduciary (trustee) relationship in which the Crown reposed trust, faith and confidence in him. The judge concurred that the contract issue was fundamental to the Government's case.

But when Mr Simos cited the judgment in Britain of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, who earlier this year upheld an injunction preventing *The Observer* and *The Guardian* from repeating Mr Wright's allegations, the judge demurred.

It was difficult to know what status to accord Sir John's judgment, particularly when Mr Wright had not been *represented at that hearing*, Mr Justice Powell said.

Later, when Mr Simos returned to the Donaldson judgment, it brought the following remarks from the judge:

"How can one, after what has happened in the last five years, accept that the British Government is genuinely concerned to demonstrate that MI5 is leak-proof, when it has — with abundant forewarning and abundant opportunity to do something about it — let the Pincher book (*Their Trade is Treachery*) go to the printer, let the Nigel West book (*A Matter of Trust*) go to print, let the Massiter programme go to air and, more to the point, let Mr Wright's programme go to air?"

"How can one accept that the British Government is concerned?"

The Wright programme, he added, had been repeated on British television only last week.

He added: "When a government, still of the same political persuasion, having done nothing, although having had every opportunity to do something, comes along and says 'this information must be protected in the public interest', it is hard to avoid the conclusion that it is baloney."

Mr Simos replied that it *should not be said that* because of inefficiencies in the past, that in the future members of the security services should be free to make disclosures, whatever the effect on national security.

Again the judge challenged him. On the subject of national security, it was hard to accept, he said, that friendly governments would take exception to the publication of Mr Wright's book when, despite all past leaks, the CIA still saw fit to pass information to MI5, and that the British reciprocated even though the CIA had allowed the publication of numerous books by former agents.

In this respect, the judge referred dismissively to the Australian Government's limited support for Whitehall on the damage that might be done to the exchange of intelligence information.

"With great respect to Mr Codd, I didn't think much of his evidence," the judge said.

"He espouses views quite without foundation. He has not the slightest idea of what goes on in the CIA. I can't accept his view that the CIA will think less of Asio (Australian Security Intelligence Organization) if it doesn't do something about Mr Wright.

"As I understand it, Mr Codd said, 'Please shut this dreadful man up, or everyone will think that Australia leaks like a bucket and we will get no information at all'. That is a proposition which is ridiculous."

Mr Simos replied that the judge was entitled to reject Mr Codd's testimony but it had been authorized by the Cabinet and had been based on advice from the security services.

Mr Justice Powell said: "If *the truth of the matter is that*, whether because of incompetence or falsehood, the Australian people are being kept in the dark — or being led to believe that all is well and it is not — why shouldn't they be told?

"Let's face it, one of the greatest contributions Winston Churchill made to the British people between the wars was getting up and thumping the tub, 'Look what Adolf's doing — they have got ME 109s, and we haven't got a Spitfire — get off your butts, otherwise you will go down the plughole'."

He put forward the outline: "Mr Wright says, in effect, 'I believe this. I believe it so strongly that I wanted the Government to act. I tried to do things through the proper channels. I produced my material and gave it to Sir Anthony Kershaw, who has given it to the Prime Minister, and she has dismissed it as old hat. That is where it is left. We are suffering if she is wrong'."

There was a possible Australian interest because of the fact that Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of MI5 who Mr Wright believes was a double agent, helped set up ASIO. By airing the subject, Australian public opinion could "get busy on Canberra, and Canberra get to work on Downing Street".

Mr Simos: "Canberra has already got to work on it, and formed an opinion."

The judge: "Well, it says it has."

Mr Simos: "But we have an affidavit (by Mr Codd)."

The judge: "It's very difficult to put any real weight to his opinion. He is not only late to the job but his views are without substance and unsupported."

Mr Simos: "We can't accept that."

Star parade: Tong-Tong, a six-month-old giant panda cub, enjoying the protection of an *umbrella while getting acquainted with the press at his christening* at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo yesterday. His name was chosen from among thousands suggested by the public.

Vietnam leader admits mistakes

From David Watts
Tokyo

The Vietnamese Communist Party leader acknowledged serious mistakes by the Government and party when he opened the sixth party congress in Hanoi yesterday.

Mr Truong Chinh, Secretary-General of the party, said in a speech after the congress opened that the party and Government must be "purified" and there must be "bold renovation" of the country's economy.

The targets set by the last congress in 1982 had not been *fulfilled*. "Responsibility for these shortcomings and mistakes rests first of all with the party central committee, the political bureau, the secretariat and with the Council of Ministers," he said. "The party central committee would *like seriously* to criticize itself for its own shortcomings before the congress."

He urged party members to stay free from corruption and said that after the congress "we must plan to purify the party and the administration and preserve the traditions of unity within party ranks".

Since the last congress four years ago, the party has reportedly been reviewing the cards of all party members with a view to rooting out corrupt elements.

Such public hand-wringing is not unusual in Vietnam but it remains to be seen whether it will be followed by significant reforms and changes of personnel, including the possible removal of Mr Chinh himself as party leader.

Mr Chinh, who replaced the late Le Duan in July, is seen as a hard-line revolutionary who once had good connections with China. He used the congress to make another appeal to the Chinese leadership to improve relations.

"Once again we officially declare that Vietnam is ready to negotiate with China at any time, at any level, and anywhere so as to normalize bilateral relations," he said.

Such appeals, made regularly over the last few years, are unlikely to find a response in Peking until Vietnamese troops are out of Cambodia. Indeed, China recently released photographs from the Vietnam-China border area for the first time since the clashes of 1979 showing rocket-launchers firing salvoes into Vietnamese territory. Vietnam maintains that all its troops will be out of Cambodia in 1990.

Touching further on foreign relations, Mr Chinh singled *out India as "a great friend"* and said Hanoi was trying to improve relations with Indonesia. India is one of the few countries to station an ambassador in Vietnamese-occupied Phnom Penh and Indonesia is Vietnam's principal conduit *for contacts with the countries* of South-East Asia.

Barnala survives in Punjab

Chandigarh (Reuter) — Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the beleaguered Chief Minister of Punjab, yesterday emerged unscathed from attempts by Sikh and *Hindu* groups in the State Assembly to oust his 15-month-old Government.

The moderate Sikh leader, whose support in Punjab and the rest of India has eroded with his failure to crush Sikh separatist violence, appeared to survive *largely thanks* to the opposition's inability to unite.

In a stormy session, punctuated by angry walk-outs, rebel Sikh deputies dropped plans at the last minute to table a no-confidence motion, and a mainly Hindu party failed to win enough support for a similar vote.

Police at the same time lifted a day-long curfew from much of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar as a protest strike against the murder of a Hindu politician at the weekend went off peacefully.

Mr Barnala completed his assembly victory when the mainly Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party also dropped because of lack of support a no-confidence motion designed to force him to call out the army against the separatists.

Bhutto blames riot on Junejo regime

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, yesterday accused the Pakistan Government of staging what she called "the gory drama" in Karachi at the weekend in order to cause a diversion and perpetuate its unconstitutional rule.

Miss Bhutto, who arrived here for a few days' visit from Karachi yesterday, was commenting on the worst ethnic violence in the city's history in which at least 54 people were killed and more than 300 were injured.

The Karachi troubles, she claimed, clearly established that the Government had lost control because it had no roots among the masses.

Meanwhile, Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, Prime Minister of Pakistan, flew to Karachi yesterday to make a personal assessment of the situation.

Mr Aslam Khan Khattak, the Interior Minister and a member of the National Assembly representing North West Frontier Province, told the press here yesterday that the extent of the Karachi riots *had caught him completely by* surprise.

He described yesterday's attack by Pathans and Afghan refugees on slum dwellers as a reaction to the Government's current operation to clear out traffickers in drugs and gunrunners from the capital of Sind.

While admitting that the Government had failed to size up the problem correctly, Mr Khattak said he was determined to continue with the operation and claimed that Miss Bhutto was not being fair in blaming the Government for yesterday's rioting.

● KARACHI: Fresh communal violence which flared here yesterday killed 14 people and brought the death toll in two days of bloodshed to at least 71, doctors and fire brigade sources said (Reuter reports).

Five of the victims died after an angry mob set fire to 80 shops in Liaqat market, near Shah Faisal Colony. There was doubt, however, as to whether they died from burning or other causes.

Police reported hand-to-hand fighting between rival Pashtun and Mohajir communities in two districts outside the curfew area.

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Chinese Army to modernize

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

The Chinese armed forces are experimenting with a new form of organization.

The concept of the group army — previously unknown in Chinese military strategy — to replace the older, more inflexible, system of field armies, has been tested.

The field army consisted of an army controlling three divisions, each controlling three regiments, and so on. Development of modern weaponry has forced the PLA to change to the group army capable of fighting autonomously with its own artillery, engineer corps, armour and anti-chemical warfare corps.

Chemical attack on Afghans

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The Soviet Union is using chemical weapons, including napalm and phosphorous bombs, in its campaign against Afghan rebels, according to a report in *Newsweek* magazine.

In the magazine, Herr Felix Ermacora, the United Nations special *rapporteur* on the human rights situation in Afghanistan, claims that hospitals in Pakistan provide proof of the use of these weapons; although such practices have been repeatedly denied by Moscow.

In terms of human rights abuses, there is nothing in the world comparable to the war in Afghanistan. Although it is difficult to prove a deliberate effort to wipe out sections of the Afghan population, the Soviet policy is having "a genocidal effect".

The demographic structure of the country is changing in three ways: five million refugees have left Afghanistan, about one million internal refugees have left the countryside and there is an announced plan to transfer 300,000 people from the north-east to the western provinces.

According to Herr Ermacora the worst atrocities involve dropping handcuffed and blindfolded prisoners about 30 ft from helicopters 30 ft and then shooting them in front of villagers. People are taken out and their throats slit with bayonets during searches.

In his previous UN reports, he has provided full documentation of Afghan Government torture teams which are said to be accompanied by Soviet advisers.

The release last month of Herr Ermacora's fourth report on Afghanistan stirred considerable controversy after a significant portion of his findings were excised in what UN officials termed an economy measure.

In his interview, Herr Ermacora criticized Señor Diego Cordovez, the special UN mediator on Afghanistan, for failing to maintain contact with the five million Afghan refugees.

He was fearful that the UN-sponsored negotiations were a camouflage to give Moscow enough time to install a "sovietized" ruling class.

Comparing the situation in South Africa, Herr Ermacora said it was regrettable that hundreds of people were killed during the state of emergency there, "but this number cannot be compared with the thousands of Afghans killed".

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COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Ton't, Tomor, Mon 7.30 THE BAY AT NICE and WRECKED EGGS by David Hare. Thur, Fri 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30 last perfs THE MOTHER. Ton't 6pm The Orton Diaries 45 min platform perf all tkts £2.00.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00, Thu mat 2.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 DAVE CLARK'S TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS "THE ROCK STAR" THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Thu Mat 2.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. At Thurs mats only "The Rock Star" will be performed by John Christie SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. Reduced prices Thurs mats only £7 & £10 Now Booking to April '87. Special Xmas mats Tues 23 & Fri 26 Dec 3pm. No perf 24 Dec SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6433 TB 10 Jan Eves 8pm, Sat mats 5pm DORY PREVIN

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOK NOW FOR XMAS Special matinee Dec 26 3pm

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837/741 9999/379 6433 24hr 240 7200. Eves 8, Thu 3, Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR Extra Xmas mat Dec 23 3.00pm

FORTUNE BO/CC 836 2238/9 Any F.CALL 7day 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. DON'T MISS First UK stage version J.R.R. Tolkien's THE HOBBIT Today at 10.30am & 7.30pm Mon-Fri at 2pm & 7.30pm Sat 2pm, 5pm & 8pm.

GARRICK S 01 379 6107. 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30, Sat 5 & 8 mat today 3pm JUDI DENCH MICHAEL WILLIAMS "Class of their own" Std MR and MRS NOBODY by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "The best comedy to reach the West End this year" Times "EVERYBODY MUST SEE THIS NOBODY" D.Mail No perf Christmas Eve

GLOBE 437 1592 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 4 Nominated for COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 LEND ME A TENOR "If it's laughter you're after... then the fun comes nowhere thicker and faster" Std A Comedy by Ken Ludwig Directed by David Gilmore No perf Xmas Eve LAST 4 WEEKS

GLOBE 01-437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 From 14 January OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Olivier Awards '86 GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT in Lorca's "thrilling" Obs THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA with PATRICIA HAYES Nuria Espert - Best Director Standard Drama Awards

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45, Mats Sat 2.30, Dec 26 at 4.0 & 7.45 NIGHT MUST FALL by Emlyn Williams.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8, Sat Mat 4.30. SELLING THE SIZZLE, A New Comedy by Peter Gibbs. "Glorious high-farce performances from Dinsdale Landen and David Threlfall" Times. "Very funny" D.Exp. EXTENDED TO JAN 3

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm DEREK JACOBI in "A Truly Mesmerising Performance" S.Times BREAKING the CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE Jeanne Davis Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY... VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" S.Times No Perfs Christmas Eve

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S NEW MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA WINNER BEST MUSICAL 1986 LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD EVENING STANDARD AWARD Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Michael Crawford Winner Best Actor in a Musical - Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Postal bkgs only for Apr to Oct

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30 (Opens Thurs 7pm, Dec 24 at 6.30 only) ALICE IN WONDERLAND adapted by John Wells, with music by Carl Davis From Sat: MR SPOON ON BUTTON MOON (Tel. box office for perf times). STUDIO Eves 8pm THE BUZZARDS SUNBIRD.

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373, 741 9999 (no bkg fee). First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OVER 250 PERFS of THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY GEORGE HEARN & DENIS QUILLEY LA CAGE AUX FOLLES "...A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL" S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30, Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 Stdnt concessions avail. at door Mon-Fri & Sat mats SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50 Xmas Eve 7.30. No mat New booking to April 25, 1987

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550, 01-434 1050. 01-734 5166/7. COLIN BLAKELY "A brilliant & joyously comic performance" F. Times in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of ALAN AYCKBOURN'S A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL "Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious..." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed and Sat 3.0. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP Stand-by First Call 24hr 7 day cc bookings on 01 240 7200 (no booking fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no booking fee) WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '87

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Previews Thur, Fri, Sat 7.45 & Jan 2, 3, 5, 6 at 7.45. Opens Jan 7 at 7.00. Then Jan 8 at 7.45. COMING IN TO LAND by Stephen Poliakoff (Jan 7 & 8 SOLD OUT) Mon 7.45 TONS OF MONEY.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3057 Until Jan 3 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 5TH THRILLING YEAR Cast Holiday this week Re-opens Mon 22 Dec

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568 1st Call 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 Kenneth Grahame's wonderful THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Twice daily 2 & 6. Dec 24 11am & 2pm

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880. AIR COND

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 405 1567 or 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987 Seats available in Jan Extra Mats Dec 22 & Jan 2 at 3pm

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.00 & 7.45 MARIA AITKEN JUDI BOWKER FAITH BROOK BARBARA EWING JULIA FOSTER GEORGINA HALE PATTI LOVE DIANA QUICK ZENA WALKER and SUSANNAH YORK in THE WOMEN by Clare Boothe Luce "All female ritzy extravaganza" FT. "DELICIOUSLY FUNNY" Times. "Witty, wicked women's world" S.Exp. "STYLISH, STAR-STUDDED PRODUCTION" D Mirror LAST 4 WEEKS - MUST END JAN 10

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Previews from 14 Jan. Opens 20 Jan at 7pm MALCOLM McDOWELL MARY STEENBURGEN CHEECH FRANK LUNGHI GRIMES and GEOFFREY BURRIDGE in HOLIDAY a comedy by Philip Barry Dir by LINDSAY ANDERSON

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Tomor 7.15. Opens Thur 7.00. Fri, Sat, Mon 7.15 THE AMERICAN CLOCK a vaudeville by Arthur Miller. Fri, Mon 2.00, Sat 10.30am THE PIED PIPER

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W.H. Smith Travel Branches THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 NB Extra Christmas mats 22 & 24 Dec at 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE. Now booking to Sept '87

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/ 379 6433/ 240 7200. Group Sales 930 6123/ 836 3962. Eves 8pm. Wed mats 3, Sats 4.30 & 8.15 FRANKIE HOWERD "A Master Clown" Times PATRICK CARGILL RONNIE STEVENS FRED EVANS DEREK ROYLE in The Funniest Musical "Broad farce with Stephen Sondheim's songs" D.Mail A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM 24 Dec 3pm only, 26 Dec 8pm. No perf 25 Dec. LAST 2 WEEKS, MUST END 27 DEC

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to March 28, 1987 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY Some seats avail 24 Dec 7.30 & 26 Dec 2.30

PRINCE OF WALES W1 930 8681/2 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 First Call 24 hour, 7 day (NO BKG FEE) 240 7200 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "It's all sauce at the café of laughs" D exp. Eves 8 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 EXTRA PERFS 30 & 31 Dec at 2.30

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/7/0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail MAUREEN LIPMAN in LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5 Extra Xmas Mats Dec 23 2.30pm & Dec 26 5.00pm

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745/1857 cc 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until Sat Eves 8pm, Sat Mat 4pm Joint Stock presents A MOUTHFUL OF BIRDS by Caryl Churchill & David Lan.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554 Until Sat Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 3.30 BYRTHRITE by Sarah Daniels.

ROYALTY 01-831 0660 24hr cc 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT OPENS TODAY Twice daily at 2.30 & 7.30 5 weeks only Dec 24 11am & 2.30pm No perf Dec 25 (Dec 19 7pm)

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. CC 379 6219, 836 0479. First Call 24 hr 7 day (no bkg fee) 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 5 & 8.30. Wed Mats 3pm No perfs Dec 24 & 25. Extra Mat Tues 23 Dec 3pm PATRICK MACNEE DAVID LANGTON JENNIE LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON in A Mystery Thriller for all the Family KILLING JESSICA Directed by BRYAN FORBES "Ranking with 'Sleuth' for surprise & ingenuity" D.Mail. "In the time-honoured manner of an Agatha Christie thriller" Std. "THIS SHOW IS A SURE-FIRE WINNER" Listener

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY 01 379 5399 CC 01 379 6433/ 741 9999. First Call 24 hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123 Mon-Fri 8, Wed 3, Sat 5.15 & 8.30 NOW PREVIEWING THE THEATRE OF COMEDY CO's lavish new production TOM CONTI in AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT adapted by SIMON MOORE From Labiche with CLIVE DUNN and STRATFORD JOHNS Directed by ANTON RODGERS Previews to Dec 18 Opens Dec 19 at 6.00 Xmas perfs: Dec 23 at 5.00 & 8.00 No perfs Dec 24 & 25 Dec 26 at 6.00, Dec 27 at 5.30 & 8.15

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. 741 9999. First Call 24 Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Fri 7.45, Mat Wed 3.00 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 OAP REDUCED PRICES MATS. BOOKING NOW UP TO APRIL '87 Spec perf New Year's Eve 7pm

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. Macbeth Tonight, Wed, Sat 7.30, Thurs 1.30. Richard II Thurs 7.30. Winter's Tale Fri 7.30. Drama Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre, Fair Maid Tonight, Tomor, Thurs, Sat 7.30. Every Man Tomor 1.30. Kinsmen Fri 7.30. Rover Sat 1.30.

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat & Dec 26 at 5.0 and 8.0 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: CRITERION THEATRE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Ticketmaster 379 6433 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0, 8.30. No perfs Dec 24, 25. Dec 26 at 5 & 8. Dec 27 at 5 & 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel "ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST" S.Times

VICTORIA PALACE 01 240 7200 BOOKING NOW 24 hr 7 day TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 26 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15. Gp Sales 930 6123

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.45 EXTRA XMAS MATINEES December 26,29,30 Jan 1 & 2 24hr 7 day cc bkgs (no extra charge) on FIRST CALL 240 7200 "A NIGHT OF SHEER SONG & DANCE MAGIC" Wkly News CHARLIE GIRL ONLY 4 WEEKS LEFT TO SEE THIS FABULOUS CAST. LAST PERF JAN 10 PAUL NICHOLAS CYD CHARISSE DORA BRYAN NICHOLAS PARSONS MARK WYNTER in CHARLIE GIRL GROUP SALES 01 930 6123 BIG PARTY DISCOUNTS Also book, Ticketmaster 379 6433 or any W H Smith Travel Branch

WESTMINSTER 01 836 0283/4 cc 834 0048. cc Ticketmaster 379 6433. Today, Tomor, Thurs 10.30am & 2.00, Fri, Sat, Mon 3.00 & 6.30 3rd Magical Season THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/ 839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433. 741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR The Award Winning Comedy WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes "SOMETHING GLORIOUS TO SHOUT ABOUT" D. Mail "IRRESISTIBLE COMIC WRITING" Times Eves Mon-Fri 8, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Wed mats 3.

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/Ticketmaster 379 6433/1st Call 24hr 7 days 240 7200/741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 7.30, Sat mats 3. For a limited season "A performance unparalleled in the West End" Independent. VANESSA REDGRAVE TOM WILKINSON in The Young Vic production of GHOSTS By Henrik Ibsen Directed by David Thacker "BRILLIANT PRODUCTION. DON'T MISS" City Limits

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433. LAST WEEK - JULIUS CAESAR Eves 7.30 mats Tomor 2pm.

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 INNER CIRCLE TH CO in Wedekind's masterpiece Spring Awakening Eves 8pm. mat Mon 2.30pm

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering St, W1. 499 4100. WILLEM DE KOONING.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141. Until 4 Jan: David Roberts (1796-1864): paintings of Europe & the Near East PLUS Lion Rugs by nomadic Fars tribeswomen. Tues - Sat 10-6.45. Sun & B Hols 12-5.45. Closed Mondays. Adm:£2 & £1. Reduced rates for pre-booked parties. Also: TAPESTRY WEAVING DISPLAY by Joanna Buxton - until 19 Dec (phone for details of dates and times).

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. Wkdys 10 - 6. Suns. 2.30 - 6. Closed Fridays.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, 15 Thackeray St, W8. 937 8665. Engravings by ERIC GILL and RICHARD SHIRLEY SMITH.

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King Street, St. James's SW1. BEN JOHNSON - Structuring Space and GOTO/EACHUS - Site of Passage until 23 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

GUILDHALL ART GALLERY Gresham Street. Last chance to see THE ASPINALL COLLECTION of superb Paintings and animal Sculptures. Must close Friday December 19. Open free daily 10-5. Donations welcomed for SAVE THE SUMATRAN RHINO appeal.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, SE1. RODIN and DOYLE FAMILY Exhibitions. Adm. £3.00/£1.50. Open Daily. Recorded info: 01-261 0127.

LEFEVRE GALLERY, 30 Bruton St, W1. 01-493 2107. IMPORTANT XIX AND XX CENTURY FRENCH AND BRITISH PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS. 26 November - 19 December. Mon - Fri 10-5. Sats 10-12.30.

LUMLEY CAZALET 24 Davies St, W1. 499 5058. CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Original Prints £20-£600. Until 24 Dec.

MALL GALLERIES, Tel 01 930 6844. ROYAL SOCIETY OF MINIATURE PAINTERS, SCULPTERS AND GRAVERS. 28th Nov - 18th Dec.(closes 1pm). ROYAL INSTITUTE OF OIL PAINTERS, 5 Dec-20 Dec & FOUR ASPECTS OF ART a one day show on 20 Dec Daily 10-5 Admission £1.00 Concessions 50p.

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, London W1. MADAGASCAR: Island of Ancestors. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Adm. free.

PRINTS FOR CHRISTMAS. Original limited edition prints from £50. Graphic works by Modern Masters & Bronze Sculpture by DEBORAH STERN CCA Galleries (Christies Contemporary Art) 8, Dover St, W1. 17 Princes Arcade SW1. 499 6701.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Piccadilly 01 734 9052 Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun. until 1.45) NEW ARCHITECTURE: FOSTER, ROGERS, STIRLING. £2.50, £1.70 Conc. rate.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM. The National Museum of Art & Design. S.Kensington. NEW MEDIEVAL TREASURY. ALEXANDER COZENS WATERCOLOURS. EYE FOR INDUSTRY: Royal Designers for Industry 1936-1986. Recorded info 01 581 4894. Wkdys 10 - 5.30. Suns. 2.30 - 5.50. Closed Fridays.

W.H. PATTERSON 19 Albemarle St, London W1X 3HA. 01-629 4119. CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION. Paintings by MARY RAYMOND and Masters of the 19th Century. 10th December to 23rd December. Daily 10am to 6pm. Sat.10am to 1pm.

WILLIAM WALCOT Watercolours and etchings. The Building Centre Gallery and Gallery Lingard at 26 Store Street, London WC1. Mon - Fri: 10 - 5: Sat: 10 - 4.

ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7. 584 6612. ISTANBUL - A Photographic Journey through Turkish Architecture. Until 18 Jan. Tue-Sat 10-5.30. Sun 12-5.30

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443 Men (15). Film at 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55. ENDS Thurs STARTS Fri 19 Dec LABYRINTH (U).

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3. 351 3742 MEN (15). Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Claude Lanzmann's SHOAH (PG) Part 1 Tues & Thurs 5.45 Sats 11.30am & 5.45 Part 2 Mon, Wed & Fri 5.45 Sundays Part 1 at 11.30am Part 2 at 5.45 "Totally absorbing...see the film" Std.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun), 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive" Alexander Walker, Std.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) CROCODILE DUNDEE (15) in Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 1.10, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50. Late Night Show Nightly 11.45pm. All progs bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2. 379 3014/ 836 0691 'ROUND MIDNIGHT (15) Film at 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35. Dolby Stereo. LATE SHOW Fri & Sat only at 11.15pm. ADVANCE BOOKING Eve Perfs. Access/Visa.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 A CHRISTMAS CAROL (U) Daily: 3.0 & 5.0. A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG) Daily: 7.0 & 9.15. Seats bookable in advance for 7.0 & 9.15

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) MONA LISA (18) Sep progs Today 2.15 6.00 8.40. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. LABYRINTH (U) Sep Progs Doors open daily 2.15 5.15 8.15. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/ Visa/ AmEx) 930 3232/ 839 1929. 24 hour service. £2.50 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) Walt Disney Pictures Presents BASIL THE GREAT MOUSE DETECTIVE (U) Sep progs Doors open Today 2.45 5.15 7.45. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 holders, Student card holders. Under 16's

RENOIR opp. Russell Sq. Tube. 837 8402 (1) SMOOTH TALK (15) Film at 2.30 4.35 6.45 9.00 ENDS Thurs STARTS Fri 19 Dec FANNY & ALEXANDER (15) (2) ROSA LUXEMBURG (PG) Film at 3.30 6.00 8.35

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Vietnam leader admits mistakes

From David Watts
Tokyo

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Southern Lebanon conflict

Threat of new Israeli invasion steels Amal against Arafat

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Rashidiyeh, southern Lebanon

"My place is here. This is my land, not the Palestinians'," said the young man, his voice as striking as the incongruity of his tidy appearance behind the huge barricades of earth surrounding the Rashidiyeh Palestinian refugee camp.

At 21, Mr Nasser Ali Hussein, his spotless beige sweater barely concealing a brand new .45 pistol, is indeed a newcomer to Lebanon's savage war of the camps. Many of his new comrades of the Shia Amal militia – haggard-looking teenagers of the ragtag army besieging the camp – are already veteran warriors who master not only hand weapons but rocket-launchers mounted in trucks.

"I had to come," explained the man, who recently left his job at a big furniture factory in Nigeria to join five of his brothers fighting Mr Yassir Arafat's PLO. Mr Hussein is perfectly aware he may never return to the safety and comfort he found in Lagos when his family fled the civil war and sought fortune in Africa six years ago. But prosperity abroad does not matter any more, he said.

"If I die, if all of my brothers and friends are killed in this war, there will always be Lebanese to defend their land and fight against Arafat," he emphasized with that self-confidence that is giving Lebanon's downtrodden Shia Muslims fresh strength in the battles against a well-armed, better-trained foe.

For Amal leaders and an increasing number of Shia Muslims in southern Lebanon, the war against Palestinian guerrillas is no longer a mere attempt to prevent Mr Arafat from using Lebanese soil as a springboard for attacks on Israel – which all Lebanese know will inevitably provoke Israeli retaliation in the south.

To increase those fears, Amal is now expanding its vision of a Palestinian comeback and is mobilizing the Shias of southern Lebanon to confront a "Palestinian occupation" on their land – no longer with military purposes, but as an alternative homeland for more than half a million Palestinian refugees.

In an economically depressed stretch of land which is striving to recover from two devastating Israeli invasions in less than a decade, the threat of yet another foreign occupation is acting as Amal's best ally, for it is creating a sense of nationalism based on a proud identity.

As the latest round in the war of the camps drags on with more than 600 dead and no immediate solution in sight, there is also a binding sense of bitterness and undeserved betrayal among the Shias.

Leaders of Lebanon's small but powerful Druze community, who had vowed to fight alongside Amal, watched motionless as Amal was beaten in the battles for control of the strategic village of Maghdousheh, in the hills east of Sidon.

"Everyone is fighting against us. Why? We don't know. Nobody likes us in our own land," said an Amal fighter as he boiled water for tea in the darkness of an abandoned shop Amal is now using as a command post just outside Rashidiyeh.

"When the Palestinians were here, we helped them to fight against Israel, but when the Israelis came to our land, they all ran to Beirut and just sat there," he added.

Another militiaman said: "The Palestinians don't want to fight Israel, they want to fight us . . . And we will, to the last drop of our blood, if they want to return. We will all become *shaheed* (martyrs)."

After 19 months of war against the PLO in Beirut and in the south, Amal fighters boast there is not a single village in southern Lebanon that has not had its own casualties. The sense of common loss is also helping to heal political rifts within the Shia Muslims.

Father and son die on film set

Johannesburg (AP) – A father and son were burned to death near Benoni on Sunday during filming in a wooden castle on the set of *Gor*, a science-fiction film.

Martin Wenzel, 50, the film company's transport manager, and his 19-year-old son, Conrad, were standing on part of the castle when it was set on fire for a battle scene.

Peace trusts

Wellington (Reuter) – New Zealand has set up two peace trusts, funded by compensation paid by France over the sinking of the Greenpeace protest flagship Rainbow Warrior.

Hoskins best

The British actor Bob Hoskins, who has been voted best actor of the year by the Los Angeles Film Critics for his role as the lovelorn gangster in *Mona Lisa*.

Gone West

Munich (Reuter) – Eleven Poles – six men and five women – had disappeared from a 23-member tourist group which arrived in Czechoslovakia by bus from West Germany.

Drugs charge

Singapore (Reuter) – Ko Mun Cheung, aged 21, and Chiu Sun Hing, aged 27, both shop assistants from Hong Kong, have been charged with smuggling about 8lb of heroin.

Laced wine

Peking (Reuter) – More than 100 people died in the past two years and several thousand were taken ill after drinking wine laced with methanol, according to *China Daily*.

Choc-a-block

Tel Aviv (Reuter) – Sanitation workers have extracted more than a ton of chocolate chunks that mysteriously jammed sewers for ten days, spreading sweet odours through Bnei Brak, a municipality near Tel Aviv.

Shoot-first traders a problem

From John Best
Ottawa

Canadian police are worried by store owners who shoot first and ask questions later when their premises are invaded by would-be robbers.

Four thieves have been shot – two of them fatally – in little more than a month while attempting to carry out robberies.

One fatal shooting was during a break-in at a drug store in Calgary, Alberta; the other was at a convenience store in Montreal.

The other two incidents also took place in the vicinity of Montreal.

Only in the Calgary episode has a charge – second-degree murder – been laid against the person who allegedly pulled the trigger.

The store owner involved in the other fatal shooting was praised by callers on several Montreal phone-in radio programmes conducted in the wake of the shooting.

The host of one programme said: "This guy is regarded as some kind of hero. Our calls were three to one in his favour."

The latest incident occurred last week when a store owner in Beauharnois, Quebec, 20 miles west of Montreal, shot and wounded an intruder after being roused from his sleep by a burglar alarm next to his home.

The victim was later reported in satisfactory condition in hospital, but another robbery suspect was still in critical condition after being shot in the head by a drug-store owner in the Montreal suburb of Laval.

Mr Don Cassidy, executive director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, deplored the resort to violence by an increasing number of store owners.

"We are against anyone taking the law into his own hands," he said in Ottawa.

He conceded, however, that the trend could be a reflection of public dissatisfaction with weaknesses in the criminal justice system, which many Canadians consider far too lenient.

Mr Cassidy said the police association is particularly concerned over the rapid proliferation of firearms possessed by individuals.

In the past five years, registration of handguns alone had averaged about 50,000 a year.

The depiction of gun play on US television programmes, which flood into Canada in a daily torrent, may be partly to blame, he suggested.

THE ARTS

The rise of terror

Watching last night's *World in Action* programme *The Road to Damascus* (ITV), it became possible to see how crime elevates the ordinary to the extraordinary. Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian terrorist who earlier in the year placed his pregnant girlfriend on board an El-Al jet in the company of a lethal suitcase of explosives, began his career as a quite unexceptional man. He was, said Brigadier Brian Parfitt, a former member of the Army Intelligence Corps, "a weak man, a romantic". He liked good clothes and foreign travel, and not only enjoyed reading poetry but wrote it.

TELEVISION

The programme plotted the course of Hindawi's metamorphosis into a ruthless top lieutenant of Mohammed Al Khouli's Syrian-backed terrorist network, from his position of a young journalist whose initial dabblings in that world were a way of supplementing a basic £100 a week salary. Earning his colours with bombings in West Berlin, Hindawi became a VIP when it was learnt that his London-based Irish girlfriend was pregnant. He was rushed off to Syria and given a new passport which would allow him to enter and leave Britain easily with a strong alibi. In the world of terrorism Hindawi had hit the big time.

Condensing a huge amount of information into 30 minutes, *The Road to Damascus* aimed at explanation rather than condemnation and was all the more frightening for that. As past ambassador to both Syria and Lebanon, Sir David Roberts concluded that nothing is likely to change. Syria used terrorism as their strongest recourse in a "justified" war and they will continue to patronize individuals of promise, such as Hindawi.

***Midwives*, the last in the BBC2 series *Nurses*, showed that the miracle of birth lies not in the production of a new human being but in surviving that experience. At The London Hospital, Mile End, the jolly, comforting midwives are used to delivering three or four babies a night with calm camaraderie. Accompanied by a terrifying soundtrack of tearing flesh and thumping hearts, the omnipresent camera skilfully captured the fears and joys of this women's world.**

Alexandra Shulman

A little talent that went a notorious way

GALLERIES

Alfred Munnings/ Munnings and the Moderns
Manchester City Art Gallery

Brockhurst RA
Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield

Robert Sargent Austin
Robert Douwma

James Fitton
Dulwich Picture Gallery

Rumour has it that the present PRA, offered the opportunity to play host to the touring exhibition of Alfred Munnings now at Manchester City Art Gallery (until January 25), replied sharply that such a show would pass through the sacred portals only over his dead body. Perhaps the rumour is not strictly accurate, but it is comprehensible: even 27 years after his death the very name of the Royal Academy's most vocal and argumentative president this century can drive normally cool, collected men to blind fury. As he would have wished, he is still controversial.

Only his personality, alas, not his work. There remains – the salerooms offer ample evidence of it – a firmly philistine English audience for Munnings paintings: mostly, it seems, those who love any painting with horses or dogs in it, irrespective of artistic merit. It would be nice to be able to say that this new retrospective, the first since Munnings's death, is a revelation, restoring him to a place of honour in the pantheon. But such hopes of, at the very least, a good argument are rapidly dashed. If the Academy really wanted to exorcize the old devil for ever, the best thing they could have done would be to offer the show, perhaps in the mouldering Diploma Galleries, as an awful warning on the margins of their forthcoming blockbuster *British Art in the Twentieth Century*.

For all the brave talk about Munnings as a fine example of British Impressionism, and a wonderful landscape painter even if the equestrian portraits he often put in front of the landscapes looked stuffed, instantly goes by the board as soon as one sees a representative selection all together. Trying to find some fair ground of comparison, we might look to painters such as Lavery or Orpen, but we shall find little joy there, as Munnings is self-evidently not in the same category as either. Despite his reputation, he does not come over as a painterly painter, such as they both were, at all. At his best, as in some of the earlier pictures of gypsies, horse-fairs and such, he seems more like a very fair magazine illustrator.

In the circumstances, it is best to move on quickly from the principal attraction in the Atheneum to the smaller show, *Munnings and the Moderns*, in the adjacent main building. Here Munnings's notorious 1956 painting *Does the Subject Matter?* is ensconced in the midst of just the kind of art he was there lampooning. Perhaps not all of it is so wonderful, but to move from Munnings's own work to Victor Pasmore's *Rectangular Motif: Red and Mustard*, of 1950, or Keith Vaughan's 1953 *Assembly of Figures* (you notice I do not even bring Picasso or Moore into play), is to receive an unanswerable lesson in what real painting is all about.

Surprisingly enough, that is also what you get from the Brockhurst RA show at the Graves Gallery, Sheffield, until February 1 (and thence, via Birmingham, to the National Portrait Gallery in April). It is surprising because, after many years of almost total neglect (his death in America in 1979 was scarcely noticed), Gerald Leslie Brockhurst has come back into favour only as an etcher, and at that on the strength mainly of one print, the extraordinary nude in front of a mirror entitled *Adolescence*. In any case, his crisp, clear outlines and meticulous realism, if carried over into his paintings, would scarcely be to the taste of postwar generations. But now? Well, now is another matter entirely. In a decade which has seen a great return to representation, and a profound revaluation of the whole realist and figurative tradition throughout the 20th century, it is more than possible that we shall be ready for Brockhurst again.

And so we should be. It is intriguing to discover that early on he was a fellow of Augustus John and Innes in Ireland, painting, around 1916, landscapes in a rather similar style. But, if we may judge from the astonishing *Ranunculus* of 1915, this was a diversion, as he had already found his true, personal manner, referring more to Botticelli and Fra Angelico than to anything nearer his own time. And when, after a decade occupied mostly with prints, Brockhurst returned to portrait painting, he took up much the same line, only more starkly simplified.

An unanswerable lesson in what painting is all about: Gerald Brockhurst's slightly sinister formal perfection in *Dorette* (1933)

Two particular images haunted him, successively, throughout his life: first his wife Anais, then the teenage model Dorette, who was the occasion of a rather bitter divorce case and eventually became his second wife. Both ladies have a quality which can only be described as slightly sinister: for all the formal perfection, the paintings seem to reach back emotionally to Nineties Decadence and the *femme fatale*. Even Brockhurst's commissioned portraits from this period (such as the famous *Duchess of Windsor*) have the same feeling of unpredictable fire beneath the apparently glacial exterior. In this Brockhurst has a lot in common with some of the German painters of the Neue Sachlichkeit. At the same time it is illuminating to learn that the only two contemporaries he professed any admiration for were Augustus John and Salvador Dali: undoubtedly there is some kind of Surrealistic disruption in his strangely unsettling paintings.

In his quiet way, Brockhurst seems to have been almost as awkward a character as Munnings, and so were the two neglected Academicians on show in London. Robert Sargent Austin, at Robert Douwma in Henrietta Street until Christmas, was very like Brockhurst in many ways, not least his tendency to look to the past (particularly Dürer in his case) in order to reinterpret the present, but his famous engravings were in fact the main body of his work. He also showed watercolours regularly at the Royal Academy, and did a few oils and temperas, but the tense, impeccable line of his prints is what will ensure his small but distinctive place with posterity. Here also the real becomes superreal and then surreal: the intensity is such that one is not surprised to learn of his apoplectic nature in private life.

James Fitton, showing at the Dulwich Picture Gallery until January 4, was almost Munnings's successor as PRA, and for long a rooted enemy of all Munnings stood for – a dislike which seems to have been heartily returned. In his case the main point at issue was his readiness to do all sorts of not quite respectable things like drawing political cartoons as well as painting and looking favourably on some at least of the moderns. But there can be no doubt from this show, which covers the whole range of his work, that he was a splendid painter in his own fashion, with a strong sense of humour and a quirky eye for character, in places as well as people. Not, perhaps, a really important figure, as Brockhurst arguably is, but an artist too agreeable and accomplished to be quite forgotten.

John Russell Taylor

CONCERTS

RPO/Groves
Festival Hall

The Dream of Gerontius is a puzzling piece. Nobody asks about the authorial sincerity of love-songs or string quartets, but with sacred art in recent times the question has been unavoidable. Elgar seems to have acknowledged as much, both in choosing as his subject one of the most shaky areas of faith (Newman would have had reason in proving to himself how far he had travelled from Anglicanism) and in setting so Catholic a text for the largely Protestant public for oratorios. Beneath the visionary incandescence that seems to affirm doctrine, there is an urge of questioning, and it was this that predominated in the measured performance given on Sunday night under Sir Charles Groves.

For one thing, there was no mistaking Elgar's almost Messiaen-foreshadowing use of vulgarized elements in the service of a high spiritual ambition: the school song ("Go, in the name"), the drawing-room party piece ("My work is done") and the operatic love-duet ("A presage falls upon thee"). But possibly this last connection was specially emphasized by the unashamedly full, lyrical singing of Dennis O'Neill, who was most persuasive in those sections where Gerontius sings of the will, and least effective where one might expect religious awe, or dread, or doubt.

Sometimes he was led into eccentricities, such as his sudden pianissimo for the "terrible" thought of judgement; more generally there was a misplaced passionateness of booming attacks and tearing high phrases that was more a fault of vocal nature than of approach. Mr O'Neill was just doing to the best of his ability something he should not have been asked to do. Penelope Walker produced a couple of shining outbursts, but the chief vocal honours went to Benjamin Luxon, whose baritone fire was very welcome in both his solos. The Brighton Festival Chorus fielded a pleasantly soft, fresh group of sopranos.

Paul Griffiths

Maria João Pires
Elizabeth Hall

Now that the Portuguese pianist Maria João Pires is well and truly back on the concert platform, she is certainly putting herself through her paces. Her temporary exile, due to bad health, was broken comparatively recently: her highly-acclaimed recital début a year ago in London has now been followed by an exacting programme of Bach, Mozart and Schubert.

With London audiences sated by pianists, yet too often left hungry for playing of any distinctive character or musical substance, it is easy to see how Pires makes her mark. Dwarfed by the Steinway grand, her playing is charged with highly-strung nervous tension, tenacity of purpose, fierce concentration and a high intelligence shooting quicksilver messages to the fingers. And the fingers themselves are trained to a taut elasticity: she really does play the keys, hammers and strings with the intensity of contact one associates more readily with guitar-playing.

Not surprisingly, this works wonders with Bach. I shall long remember the darting left-hand arpeggios, streaking their way up to steal the right hand's fire, in the Corrente of the B flat Partita. And then the shifting pattern – near-minimalist, in fact – of sonorities, accents and ornaments in the two Menuetts, the first of which made one long to hear Miss Pires in Domenico Scarlatti.

Mozart's D minor Fantasia, its Adagio shaken by a rare range of dynamic weight and measure, provided a bridge from Bach to Mozart's B flat Sonata, K333. The crucial point about this sonata is the relationship of speed between movements; and Pires judged it to a nicety. The opening Allegro was daringly fast, faster indeed than a pianist could have brought off with one atom less of mercury in her veins than Miss Pires. But it meant that the Andante could be exactly that – a clear, lucid song out of which the final Allegretto could sidle on its way.

Pires's playing is essentially intensive, rather than expansive. It was because of this, perhaps, that her Schubert B flat Sonata, D960, for all the strength of its intellectual design and the fine sensibility within its phrasing, was less than fully satisfying.

Hilary Finch

Muti triumphs

OPERA

Nabucco
La Scala, Milan

Riccardo Muti, La Scala's new music director, has chosen to start his term of office with *Nabucco*. He shows how much can be achieved, even in such an uneven work, by thorough preparation of every component and by close attention to the precise details of a composer's requirements: a brand-new critical edition was used. The result was an *unqualified musical triumph*.

It is hard to imagine a more vivid or compelling account of this score: its strengths were fully revealed and its weaknesses were so skilfully handled that they seemed unimportant in the context of the whole. In the first act finale, for example, where impending massacre and destruction can too easily sound like comic Rossinian confusion, Muti generated a frenzied but incisively articulated whirlwind of sound that was utterly appropriate. Even the brass band that accompanies the King's first entrance, surely the nadir of the opera, was made to sound almost regal.

The uncredited protagonist of *Nabucco* is of course the Jewish people, and the Scala chorus's singing in this role was magnificent. The opening scene was almost painfully loud, but not in the least raucous or harsh. And "Va pensiero"? There is a tradition in Italy of performing it in the manner of a battle hymn, so Muti had emphasized to the Press that it is "the submissive lament of a defeated people". It took the form of a nostalgic dream of great beauty, the sections of the chorus blending perfectly to form a single voice. It was greeted by such a prolonged wave of audience hysteria that Muti was forced to encore it before he could continue.

Nabucco is commonly played as a brutal, rough-hewn warrior – not, therefore, a part one would readily associate with Renato Bruson; his restrained bearing, soft-grained voice and impeccable musical manners make him seem unlikely to relish sacking a temple. This created problems of credibility in the early scenes, but in fact Nabucco's finest music comes after the onset of his madness, and requires a seamless legato and complete command of bel canto – in this Bruson was superb.

Ghena Dimitrova gave a thrilling portrayal of Abigaille's fury – her combination of power and fullness of tone above the stave is outstanding – and her characterization was more sharply etched than when she recorded the part with Sinopoli three years ago. She also negotiated the lyrical passages extremely well, although real warmth of expression was missing.

Renato Bruson, complete with golden wings

Paata Burchuladze possesses a voice of impressive volume and resonance, which he used to telling effect as Zaccaria when rousing the Hebrews from their lethargy, and scaled down to a finely-controlled mezza voce in his great prayer. However the sounds he produces are not remotely Italian – which may not matter much in itself, but unlike his distinguished Slavonic predecessors his voice lacks the suppleness to inflect Verdi's music naturally.

Raquel Pierotti and Mario Luperi gave well-judged performances as Fenena and the High Priest of Baal; the young tenor Bruno Beccaria pushed his pleasant voice too hard in an attempt to compete with the big sounds surrounding him.

The visual side of the production did not match the general level of musical excellence; in fact it rarely matched the music at all. Mauro Carosi's sets represented a succession of different approaches: a solidly "realistic" ancient temple, a palace apartment consisting solely of an enormous wounded beast (Lion of Judah?), the banks of the Euphrates evoked by a single skyscape. Odette Nicoletti's costumes ranged from unimaginative (smart, freshly laundered slaves) to mildly outrageous – Nabucco seemed to have sprouted gilded wings of his own. The director, Robert de Simone, moved the large chorus about efficiently, but this was small compensation for his failure to relate crucial events clearly.

This *Nabucco* not only opened La Scala's season but also an Italian state television project called "Tutto Verdi", in admiring emulation of the BBC Shakespeare series – screened in Italy under the rubric "Tutto Shakespeare".

Nigel Jamieson

LONDON DEBUTS

The Soviet pianist **Tatiana Nikolayeva** is a musician on the grand scale. This beaming 66-year-old launched into Bach's "Goldberg" Variations with a confidence and authority that one only encounters in a master musician. The 80 minutes that the work lasted seemed no longer than the usual first half of a recital.

Nikolayeva's Bach is very much "of the piano", with pedal effects galore, daredevil virtuosity and an individuality of projection that one associates more with a 19th-century style of performance. But, in extracting every resource that the piano can yield, she defined the character of each variation with meticulous care. I do hope that this prodigiously gifted musician will play here regularly.

One might have prejudged the soprano **Charlotte de Rothschild**'s lieder recital unfairly because of her obvious connections, but to my great relief it turned out that she has a highly cultivated affinity with the genre. Whether she is portraying Mussorgsky's whining child, a lover or a folk-singer, her intelligence as a performer always comes through, despite the fact that the voice has undeniable defects. Sporting lyrics in five different languages, she sang some charmingly dignified songs by her ancestor Mathilde which had a Mendelssohnian purity flavoured with some very subtle shifts of harmony.

James Methuen-Campbell

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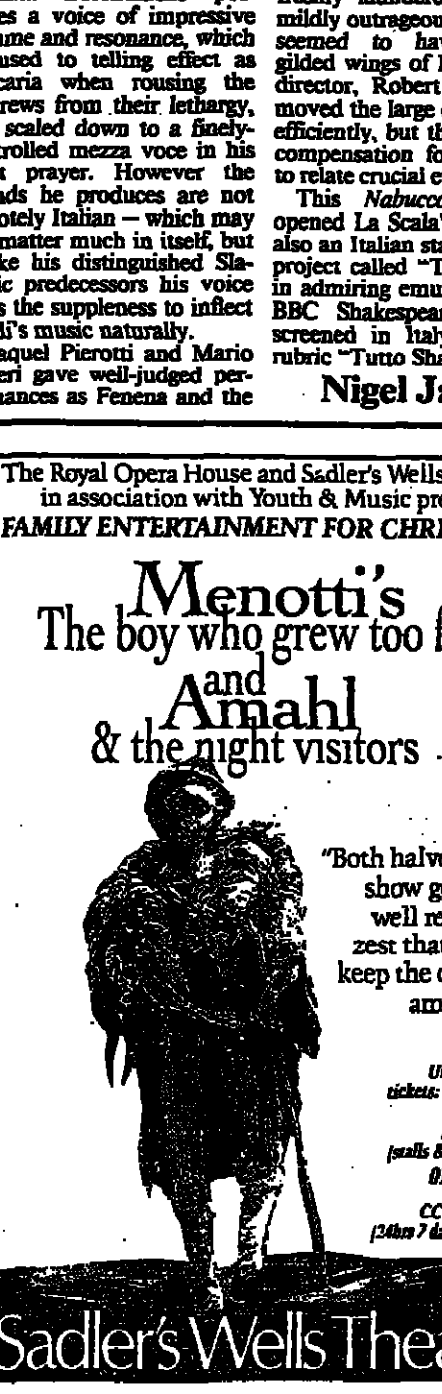

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SPECTRUM

Taking the people to the patients

A Victorian mental health asylum could be turned into an Italian-style town, with the patients still at its heart, thanks to an architect's imaginative plan. Marjorie Wallace reports

When Claybury was built in 1893, it was something of a showpiece, an asylum devoted to the care of the mentally ill, with its own ornate theatre and church seating 2,500 patients, its laundry and workshops and a 300-acre farm and orchard. It was planned to be self-sufficient. Lavishly designed, it was a memorial to Victorian guilt about madness.

It had been built originally on wooded slopes 230 feet above the open Essex countryside, 10 miles north-east of London. Today its water tower and imposing chimney dominate the surrounding sea of drab and featureless suburbs. The hospital, now ageing and slightly forlorn, is expensive to run. Its formal landscaped gardens have been turned to grass; its Victorian Gothic pavilions are patched with incongruous modern extensions. Its farm is derelict and most of its patients have gone.

Thirty years ago there were 2,300 people living here; now there are 800. The exodus, which began in the late 1950s with the discovery of neuroleptic drugs, is accelerating as a result of government policy to return patients to the community. In 1993 Claybury will be closed.

But what's to be done with this Victorian hilltop town when it finally shuts its doors? What will happen to the 300 patients still in need of continuing care?

John Burrell, a 39-year-old community architect from London, grew interested in Claybury after studying Victorian asylums, and believes he has found the answer. He sees Claybury as the capital of the suburbs it surveys — almost like an Italian hilltop town. Within the sturdy walls of the Victorian buildings it could contain shops, a leisure centre, offices, flats and houses.

The water tower would be fitted with a clock and become the "cathedral" of the new city. Beneath it, a buzy piazza would serve as the town centre with cafés, ice-cream kiosks and buskers on the steps of what used to be the boiler-room chimney. There would be fountains, walkways, coffee houses and shops built on the *galleria principle*. The old asylum theatre would be retained as part of an entertainments centre with an amphitheatre and several cinemas. The old "airing courts", or exercise yards for the patients, could be converted into smart urban squares. The 200-acre site would house about 3,000 people.

But Burrell's idea goes further than simply re-using a heritage of elegant and well constructed buildings. He proposes to find room within the site for a 40-bed short-stay hospital for mental patients and flats and hostels for the 300 long-stay patients. He plans that their accommodation should look out over the "airing courts", which would become their private and secluded gardens.

"The Victorians believed that these hospitals were a humane way of protecting mad people from the stresses of normal life," Burrell says. "They also thought they could stop mental disease spreading by fading out reproduction among the unfit." The female wards were on one side of the hospital, the male on the other. Between them were the central services: the theatre,

John Burrell under the water tower he hopes to convert

the kitchens, the laundry and the church. But men and women entered these places, including the church, through separate entrances. Even in the mortuary (planned to become a tea room), the same principle applied: separate rooms were provided for male and female corpses.

John Burrell's main challenge was to convert this inward-looking hospital from a "pseudo town", rather like the large monastery of a closed order, into a town which could reach out into the world *around it. His vision was to* replace the corridors by roads, to create courtyards, to provide archways, while retaining the intimate urban relationships of the buildings.

But it is more than an *architectural Utopia. The* alternative is to sell the site to developers and rehouse the long-stay patients elsewhere in the community. But Waltham Forest, the area health authority, is already encountering opposition from local residents to such a proposition.

The great advantage of Burrell's scheme is that it brings the community to the patients — "and since the patients are there first," he points out, "*the newcomers* can't object."

Luxury houses have already been built right up to Claybury's boundary fence. "You can imagine the opposition there would have been if *those houses had been* there first and we were trying to get planning permission to build this hospital."

The principal could apply to many other mental hospitals of similar size. Bexley, Goodmayes, Hill End, Horton, Manor, Menstone, Netherne, Severalls, Swansea and West Park — all have the potential to be developed as city centres.

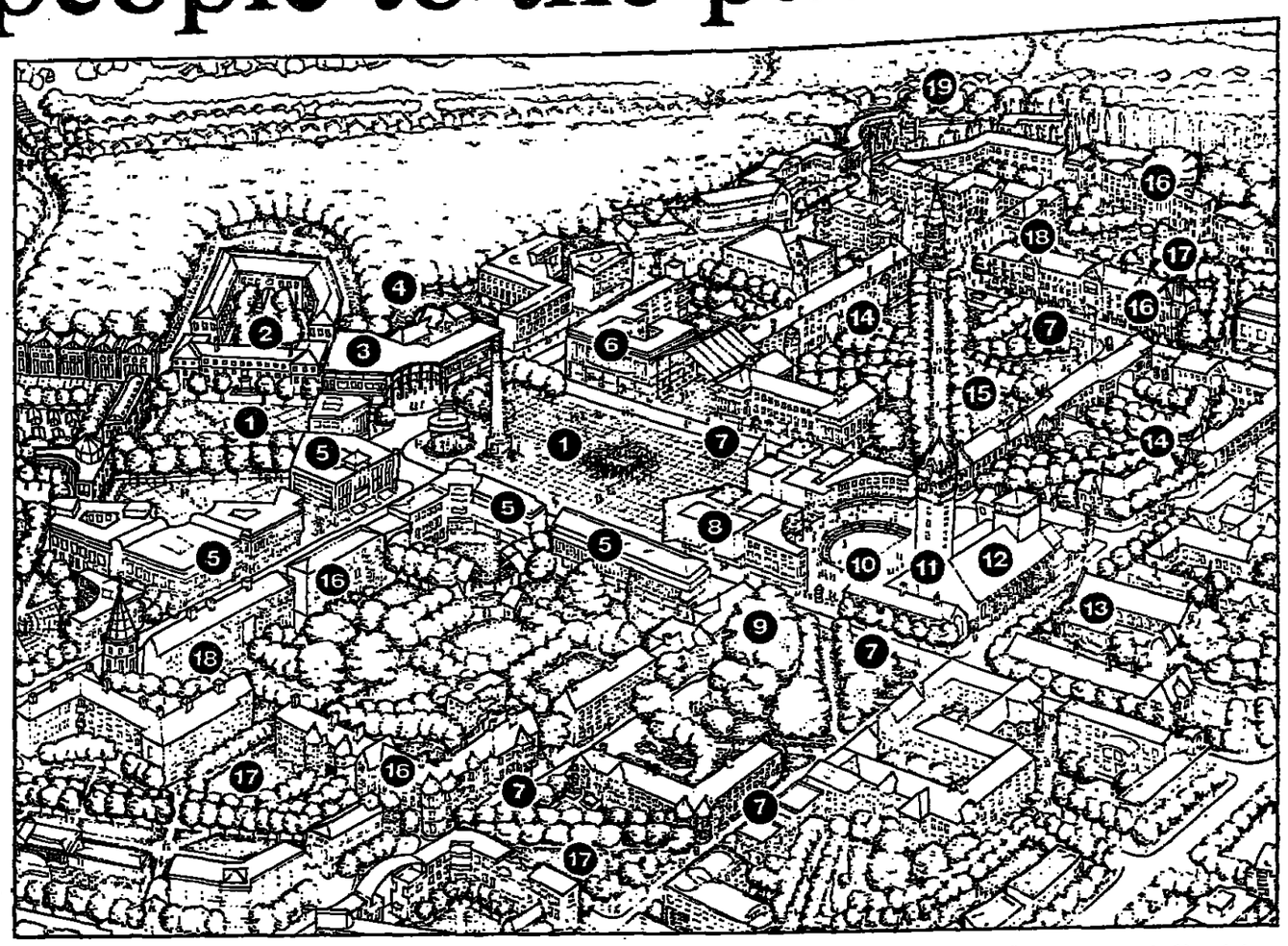
Burrell's ideas are being taken seriously by several health authorities, including Leicester which has commissioned a study. During the last few years while hospitals have been running down, many acres of valuable land and buildings have been sold piecemeal to developers and the proceeds *have dis*appeared into the health authorities' general funds. When this happens the mentally ill do not necessarily benefit, despite the Department of Health's assurances that they will.

The Claybury scheme was recently presented at West*minster*, where *it attracted* interest among the Commons all-party mental health group. "It is an exciting and novel scheme," says Nicholas Winterton MP, who is fighting for the rights of discharged mental hospital patients.

Professor Kathleen Jones, of York University, the leading expert on the social care of discharged mental patients, is also enthusiastic. "You'll get executives living there. It will be so upmarket, the stigma will be removed from mental illness," she says.

"You can't plant patients into the community like currants in a bun. On this scheme *they would be there from the* beginning. There could be a whole range of places for them from flats where they would be totally independent to group homes where there would be staff on duty day and night."

John Burrell conceived his idea when he saw a derelict *mental hospital in Trieste.* There were squatters and rats. "I would hate to see that happen in this country," he says.



Claybury (left) as it is now and (above) as it will become if John Burrell's imaginative plan is taken up by the health authorities

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Squiring the inner circle

The duties of the clerk of the Privy Council include far more than drawing up rotas

Geoffrey de Deney: coaches counsellors on the niceties

Hidden away in a rabbit warren of comfortable rooms in the centre of Whitehall sits a former civil servant from the Home Office. He is now the custodian of one of Britain's most elite constitutional bodies, whose workings include quaint traditions dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries.

Geoffrey Ivor de Deney is clerk of the Privy Council, that inner circle of privileged politicians and public servants who are sworn to conduct their business with the Queen in total secrecy.

At present, de Deney is preparing for the next meeting of the council which is to be held this week. He has already sent out formal letters to four Privy Counsellors from the Government to attend the meeting at Buckingham Palace. The letter advises them to wear "ordinary clothes" for the occasion.

The ranks of the Privy Council have now swelled to a record 390 Right Honourable Members. A quorum requires only three.

Anyone selected for membership of the Privy Council, whether he be the *leader of Her Majesty's* Opposition, a distinguished judge, a cleric or a senior Commonwealth politician, has to rely on the careful coaching of the clerk to ensure that when he is brought before the Queen for the formal oath of allegiance, he is aware of the niceties of the traditions involved. These include kissing the hand of the Sovereign without actually making contact.

Mr de Deney, 58, who has been clerk for two and a half years, draws up a rota of Privy Counsellors. He prefers where possible to summon the busiest *Cabinet ministers only* once or twice a year because of the pressures of their work.

One reason for this is that the summons to attend before the Queen can often involve a long train journey. Most of the *nine or so Privy Council* meetings a year are at Buckingham Palace or Windsor, but the counsellors must go to wherever the Sovereign is residing at the time, be it Balmoral, Sandringham or *even the Royal Yacht* Britannia.

Most of the Council business is expressed in Proclamations or Orders in Council. Proclamations are reserved for important subjects, such as states of emergency, the withdrawal of a coin, or the dissolution of Parliament and require the Queen's signature.

Orders in Council are needed for certain constitutional powers required by Government under Acts of Parliament which cannot be authorised by ministers, such as the picking of boundaries for election purposes.

Before the council begins, *Lord Whitelaw, the Lord* President of the Council, has a short private audience with the Queen. Then the other counsellors file in, bow, shake hands with the Queen and take up their positions in a line *with their backs to the window.* They remain standing, a tradition which dates back to Queen Victoria.

Lord Whitelaw holds the List of Business, or agenda, the Queen stands at the head looking *down the line and de Deney*, the only one wearing formal clothes — striped morning trousers and short black jacket — stands facing the Privy Counsellors. Lord Whitelaw reads down the list and the Queen pronounces her approval for each order. It's all over in about 15 to 20 minutes.

If the Queen is out of the country or otherwise engaged, the rules are that two members of the Royal Family must *stand in for her. Recently it* was the Queen Mother and Prince Edward.

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NEW YORK FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Thrilling Met by moonlight

The Big Apple is a-buzz with designer people in designer clothes, and Europeans are covering their fair share of famous backs

Who would puff the puff-ball skirt? That was the question as the guests gussed up for the gala night at the Metroploitan Museum.

Dance is the theme of the Costume Institute's exhibition, and dancing through a Manhattan blizzard to celebrate came newly-wed Kitty and Calvin Klein, wearing the evening's high fashion accessory – the Thanksgiving holiday suntan. Kitty sported a mini crinoline in black taffeta below the season's ubiquitous strapless top.

New York's hottest fashion property Donna Karan, also sporting a tan,showed off her own-label strapless, swathed jersey dress.

Other frock folk included the diminutive Giorgio Sant'Angelo, chubbic-faced Bill Blass and Oscar de la Renta , and Japanese Issey Miyake and Hanae ("Madame Butterfly") Morae. Saint Laurent's Pierre Berge, off the plane from YSL's Moscow exhibit, was just in time to catch Paloma Picasso deserting Yves for an empire-line crinoline in bronze taffeta and crochet, swagged with mink tails, by rising Paris star Christian Lacroix.

On a label count at this prestige gathering, it was a fair night for European designers, with Nancy Kissinger in Valentino's sequins and brown crepe, Betsy Bloomingdale in Dior, and a glamorous Estee Lauder in festive crimson velvet from Givenchy couture.

The fashion night belonged to couturier Arnold Scaasi, who had made 32 dresses for the Costume Institute's party, including the best of the puff-balls – delectable peach taffeta worn by Kathleen Hearst of the newspaper dynasty.

Bouffant 1950s tulle below a Cinderella waistline dances chic to chic with Patou's flirty beaded-charleston-dresses and brocade ballgowns for the minuet.

All the romance and glamour of the social dance is expressed in the exhibition at the Museum. The show opens with exquisite capes and coats, from Poiret's lampshade of chrome yellow satin to Schiaparelli's gilded Sun King embroidery on black velvet.

A burst of flamenco music introduces a roomful of Spanish inspiration, which includes a Naughty Nineties painting of a roguish Carmencita and her style reinterpreted by Balenciaga, Dior and Saint Laurent.

The jazz age brings us "The Dansant" and a stunning dress embroidered with fireworks by Chanel, in 1938. A dancing couple turn out to be the Duke of Windsor, stylish in ink blue tails against the Duchess's slither of silver lame circles from Vionnet.

The sexual pulse of modern music runs through the exhibition's 1960s display, which has Courreges's black vinyl midriff on black silk organza, Paco Rabanne's irridescent plastic discs on a mini dress, and Ungaro's skimpy 1967 garment revealing a cleavage at the rear.

Karl Lagerfeld has taken his KL sportswear business out of New York. The sportswear line, launched in the Big Apple in autumn 1985, will now be based in Paris.

The pickets are out at Norma Kamali's boutique on 56th street to stop the feminist fashion designer from setting up her own manufacturing company with non-union labour. She has shut down her wholesale business in defiance. *OMO* Norma Kamali has always been the title tag. The initials stand for On My Own.

Newly-wed Calvin and Kelly Klein: strapless mini crini

Above left: Paloma Picasso in Lacroix mink tails Right: Estee Lauder in Givenchy velvet

Kathleen Hearst in peach puff ball by Arnold Scaasi
Photographs: Tony Palmieri/WWD

Nick Rogers

Mariel Hemingway, above, the actress with an anti-glamour streak, talks about the importance of being earnest

Sam plays it her way

Sam's Cafe is hot in Manhattan. But the young crowd hanging out in the fashionable diner do not always recognize the fresh-faced, Amazonian, all-American girl who gives the place its name. But by the time Mariel Hemingway – nickname Sam – has appeared in *Superman IV*, she will be a familiar scion of the famous dynasty.

"I am interested in healthy food, good food, clean food", says the budding film star about the restaurant that she and her husband Steve Christman run on the uppermost East side. "I think restaurants are about food and eating, not about assaulting you with decor."

As in food, so with fashion: the lithe and sporty Mariel Hemingway seems typecast in the earlier role of preppy kid she played in Woody Allen's *Manhattan*.

"I don't believe in that whole star image thing", she says. "I am open and honest about who I am and I don't think about presenting myself to the public. I think about what makes me feel good."

She is wearing blue jeans, cowboy boots and a checked jacket from her favourite designer, the Italian Giorgio Armani. She later swaps the denim for a slim skirt and high heels. ("But I have to be careful because I am so tall already.")

The only *Superman* film outfit she likes for her role as an aspiring editor of The Daily Planet is a trouser suit cut on simple lines and in the deep sky blue of her beloved Idaho. She has a Hemingway longing for the open country where she rides bareback. "I am not one of those women who can't bear the thought of getting on a horse without a saddle", she says.

She accepts gratefully the connection with her famous grandfather, Ernest Hemingway, and with her actresss sister Margaux, who persuaded her to appear with her in the film *Lisptick*.

In *Superman*, her fictional character is not at all interested in the derring-do of Superman, but thinks the bespectacled Clark Kent is "quite wonderful".

This seems to be typecasting, for 25-year-old Mariel is surprisingly unmoved by the glamour of stardom. When she goes to a film premiere it may be in the "simple clean look" of her favourite American designer Calvin Klein, or in the sleek, strapless Chanel dress she wore for the royal opening of *Labyrinth* in London this month. But she says that "the two thousand dollar dress is not something that I want to invest money in. When you get into very glamorous things, you look like you are competing. I don't want to look as though I spent eight months shopping for it."

She has worked out an eating programme for herself, eating only fruit through the day, although Sam's Cafe serves grilled meat, chicken or fish and takes as its motif her "fetish", the dairy cow. "I went through crazy health regimes, but now I've come to a nice way of eating that works for me", she explains.

It is hard to find a streak of romance in the down-to-earth Miss Hemingway. She describes the uplifting drama of film flying, when her well-honed body is encased in a fibre glass mould, as "a completely humiliating experience". She will not dream up a bogus Bogart connection with her nickname "Sam" and even scorns the legendary tale that her sister Margaux was conceived on the eponymous chateau bottle.

"Being part of a famous dynasty is nothing new for me", she says. "The Hemingway name has certainly been useful. "I like to think that I have earned a few of my own stripes – but not nearly as many as the name holds."

COMMENT

Quality street

Uptown, upbeat and upscale is the message from Manhattan. The sheer glamour of the New York stores, the cornucopia of luxury goods and the imaginative presentation is overwhelming.

The store windows are strung like gems down Fifth Avenue. They need chains across the pavement at Lord and Taylor to control the crowds viewing their miniature scenes of Manhattan Christmas Past. Saks Fifth Avenue offers elaborate and luxurious Icelandic snow scenes.

The catalyst for "quality" has been Ralph Lauren and the aspirational old-England life style of his Madison Avenue store. People are talking about the "Laurenization" of New York, as new money abandons glitz in favour of fine leather and cashmere.

That is good news for the European boutiques on Madison, and for the New Wave US designers like Donna Karan. Her sensuous spring collection has all-in-one body blouses in heavy four-ply silk, the softest cashmere and wisps of chiffon, in tender colours of sea shell pink.

Ralph Lauren himself takes a palette of water colours and brushes it over his simple separates and silky 1930-style printed dresses. His store is filled with Christmas card vignettes – country hearth and home as the setting for rugs and woollies, tartan blankets and club ties.

Uptown's quality look has spread not just to the gentrified Upper West Side, but also to Barney's new women's store, where designer boutiques are grouped round a central atrium and where fashionable decorator Andrée Puttnam has designed the cosmetic hall and a surreal Christmas window.

Barney's venture and the general emphasis in New York on quality marks the coming of age of the 1960s customer who is trading up.

New York's hype on quality suggests a consumer maturity that is spreading from uptown down – and may soon reach the old world from the new.

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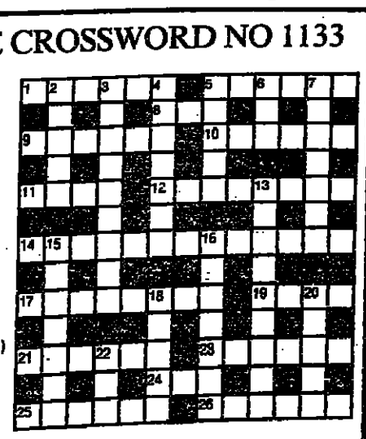

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Plane speaking

The suggestion by Jim Prior, the GEC chairman, that the rival Nimrod and Boeing early-warning aircraft should be subject to some form of independent assessment has caused wry amusement in aerospace and defence circles. The two jets have already been subject to both "paper" and actual flying evaluation by a wide range of civilian scientists, military experts and the RAF. Yesterday, in Whitehall, the talk was of where the new independent experts might come from. The overwhelming concensus was — the Russians. "We could always ask them which aircraft they found it easier to fly against," said one Ministry of Defence wag. "After all, they're the only ones who would really know."

Wait for it

The Falkland Islands are abuzz *with rumours of a visit by the* Queen next year, to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion. A PHSpy tells me that residents of Port Stanley are even now preparing for the regal advent, which they claim Buckingham Palace is code-naming Operation Maldives. Yesterday I received the inevitable denial from the palace. The chief press officer, Michael Shea, told me: "Oh no, there are no such plans." But he added: "That is not to say that there are no plans for a royal visit at some future date."

Crime school

Fraud investigators attending a seminar at Liverpool University on corruption will be educated in that dubious art by someone more qualified than most on financial dirty dealings — John Stonehouse, the former Labour minister who was jailed for seven years in 1976 for fraud, deception and theft after *faking his drowning off a Florida* beach. The seminar's organizer, Alan Doig, has also lined up T T. Dan Smith, jailed for his part in the Poulson scandal in the Seventies.Doig explains: "We invited policemen, a member of Lloyd's regulating body and someone from the Audit Commision to speak, and we thought that we should also have people who had actually done it."

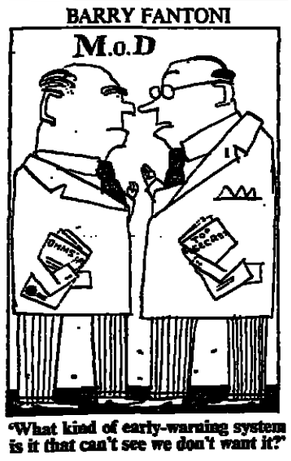
Disestablished

Dublin's *Irish Times* — no relation — has chosen a new editor, Conor Brady. A journalist in his forties, Brady succeeds the veteran Douglas Gageby who moved the paper in tune with a changing Ireland from its former role as a bastion of the Anglo-Irish establishment to a position now more identified with the modern values of the republic. In recent years the paper has developed a reputation for liberalism and has confronted several internal scandals connected with the security forces. Significantly, Brady, the son of a former senior police officer, becomes the first Roman Catholic to grace the editor's chair.

Cool customer

Not ones to accept gifts even for a job well done, two Black Country policemen found they had a lot of explaining to do after returning stolen property to an Indian garage owner. The latest edition of *Police* magazine tells how the two detectives, after enduringa lengthy monologue by the garage man on the efficiency of the police, returned to their unmarked CID patrol car only to find it had been equipped with a new stereo and sunroof — a gift from the grateful garage owner.

BARRY FANTONI



"What kind of early-warning system is it that can't see we don't want it?"

No secret now

The next imbroglio set to engulf the BBC will be over *The Secret Society*, a series by *New Statesman* journalist Duncan Campbell, to be shown in the New Year. Its subject matter — the security services — will doubtless touch government nerves still raw from the Peter Wright case. Already the right-wing Freedom Association, chaired by Norris McWhirter, has taken legal advice suggesting the BBC may be in breach of its charter if it does not allow it a chance to reply to Campbell's "propaganda". In fact, I learn, Campbell tried to persuade Julian Lewis of the pro-Nato Peace Through Security outfit to appear on the programme to his case. Unprepared to "legitimize Campbell's partisan series by appearing", Lewis instead informed on the BBC to his friends in the Freedom Association.

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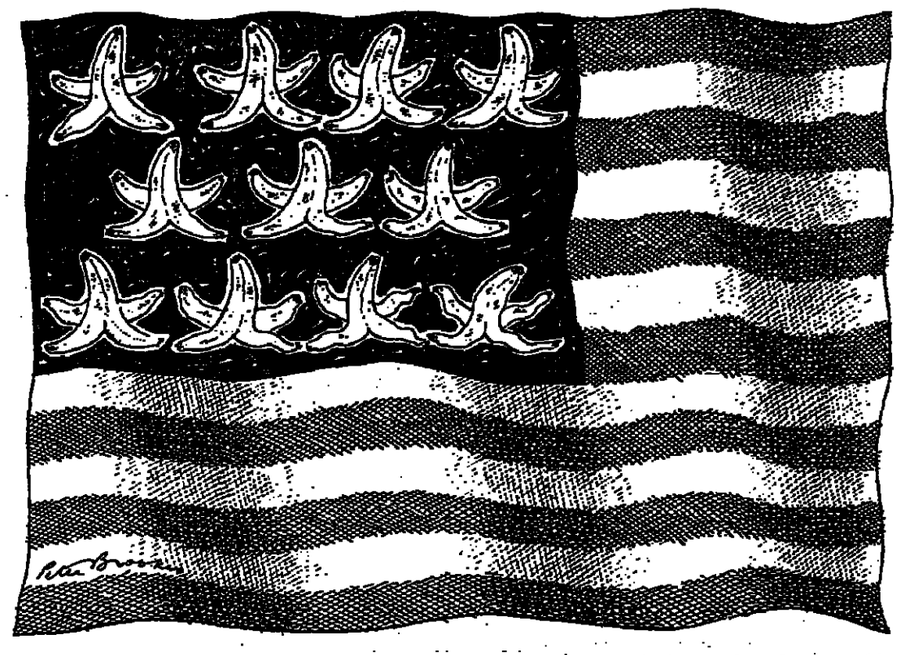
In the first of an occasional series being published jointly in The Times and New York Times, Zbigniew Brzezinski looks at the prospects for America's post-Irangate foreign policy



How Reagan must repair the damage

American foreign policy is in crisis. President Reagan can recoup, however, provided he recognizes the extent of his problems. This requires facing some basic substantive and operational shortcomings that recent events have exposed. These shortcomings have been dramatized not only by the Tehran affair but also by the Reykjavik débâcle. They illustrate what the president needs urgently to correct.

It would be a tragedy if Reagan were to leave office as yet another victimlof what is beginning to look like a quarter-century-long crisis of the presidency. Yet that could be the case if his last two years come to be dominated by a protracted and paralyzing national debate over what did or did not happen on the way to Tehran, and over the unnecessary and badly-managed Reykjavik encounter.

The more immediate damage to the president's policy involves regional confusion in the Middle East; anxiety among America's principal allies about the nature of its decision-making process and the actual substance of its strategy; growing confusion over the administration's strategic doctrine; and increasing opportunities for skilful Soviet exploitation of all these problems.

In the Middle East, there can be little doubt that Iran's position has been strengthened at the cost of countries previously viewed as America's friends. Israel may have gained some short-term advantage from American sponsorship of a wider arms flow to Iran, but it is hard to imagine that a Middle East more susceptible to Islamic fun*damentalism would not become* eventually a Middle East more dangerous to Israel's security.

American credibility with the moderate Arab powers and the Gulf states *has hit* a low ebb. It will be difficult, and will take a long time, for America's word to be seen again as its bond.

In western Europe, there is derision at the way America tried to pursue a would-be Machiavellian policy in a manner more reminiscent of Inspector Clouseau. But ridicule turns into concern when Europeans reflect on the implications of what transpired in Reykjavik. A summit *hastily convened for no apparent* reason and without any agenda turned suddenly into a serious negotiating process in which a 30-year-old strategic doctrine was suddenly turned on its head — and without any consultation with America's principal allies whom this dramatic development would *most affect.*

A Machiavellian policy with a Clouseau touch

Europeans are, therefore, understandably perplexed as to how the president and his Secretary of State, George Shultz, could so tamper with the concepts and practice of extended deterrence and yet be so unconcerned over the possible decoupling effects on *the western alliance.*

For the Soviet leadership, the foregoing creates obvious opportunities. It is unlikely that the Soviet Union will rush headlong to exploit them, for that could precipitate a crisis with the US which would induce Americans to rally together around the president and the flag. More likely is a cautious exploitation of any new *opportunities that may open up,* on the model of Soviet conduct in the mid-1970s.

Moreover, this condition gives the Soviet Union a better chance to pursue its long-term goal of dominating the Eurasian landmass with its policy of seeking to improve its relations with western Europe, and with Japan and China in the Far East, in both cases hoping to weaken the connection between these Eurasian extremities and Moscow's principal rival, the United States.

A longer-range negative effect of this crisis is the damage it does to the American public's confidence in its own government. One of Reagan's great accomplishments was the apparent revival of America's self-confidence and its respect for the presidency. The recent events have set this back and have contributed to a revival of demagogic partisanship.

The investigations will doubtless run their course, and other revelations may yet emerge. But irrespective of those developments, it is essential that in the coming weeks the president moves decisively to infuse his foreign policy with a sense of momentum and direction.

On decision-making, he has to recognize that the problem over the last several years has been not that the National Security Council *has been too strong but that it has* been too weak. The NSC exists to coordinate and integrate foreign policy according to the president's design. A weak NSC contributes to the breakdown of the decision-making process.

The appointment of a new NSC adviser is likely to infuse the council with greater strength and a sense of direction. But the adviser *can be effective only if he is* guaranteed that the NSC will not be decapitated by reforms as a result of overreaction to the crisis. A strong adviser, with the capacity to develop effective coordination, will also help the Secretary of State play his pre-eminent role in articulating foreign policy on the president's behalf and in integrating the Defence Secretary's contribution into a strategic design.

Reagan needs to clarify what his strategic doctrine is and what it implies for the future. He should, at the earliest opportunity, clarify what his goals are in the arms-control negotiations. This should not involve visionary and potentially counter-productive utopias but a coherent and concrete programme of middle-level initiatives, designed to stabilize the strategic relationship with Moscow.

It is certainly not too late to seek a specific arms-control agreement about nuclear forces in Europe and some reductions in the overall totals of strategic warheads as part of an interim agreement.

Beyond that, the president should move to translate gradually his Strategic Defence Initiative from research into reality. He cannot do so if he keeps talking about an eventual "astrodome" *over the US while in the mean*time the Soviets succeed in presenting SDI as the principal obstacle to arms control. Instead, he should now take some of the initial deployment decisions designed to provide for the US a limited strategic defence capable of protecting America's strategic forces and principal command and control centres.

He could thus ensure that in future negotiations the issue will be what mix of offensive and defensive strategic forces would achieve mutual security.This is the matter that ought to be negotiated and not largely theological discussions about the respective merits of a total SDI or a totally nuclear-free world.

In Central America in the course of the next year, it is likely that the US will confront a serious dilemma. If the Nicaraguan Contras falter, will the US be prepared to accept a Bay of Pigs writ large? What can now be done to reduce that danger? This issue must be examined with a longer strategy in mind. It would be wise for the president and his immediate advisers to take stock.

Real strategic vision lacking at the top

The damage that has been done will take long to heal. A more active effort to mediate between Israel and the Arabs would help to establish America's credentials again as a responsible mediator. Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, was truly courageous in his efforts to open a dialogue on the Palestinian issue. He did not obtain the help that he deserved, largely because of America's passivity. The recent débâcle calls for a renewed American effort. Otherwise the risk of hostilities is likely gradually to increase.

US foreign policy in the last two years has been largely reactive. It has lacked a larger strategic vision, in part because of the progressive fragmentation of decision-making at the highest level. Only by the restoration of effective presiden*tial leadership can Reagan put* behind him the unpleasant memories of Reykjavik and Tehran.

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Scythe still slashing in Whitehall

Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent, finds the cost-cutting going well

It might appear that this government had lost some of its fierce appetite for cost-cutting and management reform in Whitehall with the return of Lord Rayner, Mrs Thatcher's key appointment, to Marks & Spencer and the lower profile adopted by his successor. But behind other civil service issues which have dominated the headlines since the first cost-cutting initiatives were launched, change is still taking place. The civil service is casting off old habits and moving cautiously towards the management culture of the private sector.

It is a long, slow business. Rayner has been succeeded by Sir Robin Ibbs, seconded from the main board of ICI, and his efficiency unit is continuing to thrust into the civil service bureaucracy in an attempt to inject greater efficiency into the system. Since 1979 £1 billion has been saved and the estimated annual savings run to about £300 million out of a total expenditure of about £142 billion.

But as the private-sector input from Rayner and Ibbs has forced every department to take a hard look at its management policies, a new revolution is blasting not just fresh, but cold, air into civil service areas which, it now emerges, have been wasting millions of pounds of taxpayers' money.

The second shock for Whitehall has come from the Willacy revolution. In August last year, Michael Willacy, a 53-year-old executive from Shell UK, was asked by Mrs Thatcher to examine the whole area of government purchasing, from stationery to breeze-blocks. Only warlike equipment bought by the Defence Ministry and the huge National Health Service drugs bill were excluded.

His appointment followed an alarming report by Whitehall's management and personnel office detailing chronic mismanagement of stocks, including the bizarre discovery of one million tins of Vim in one department store, 120 years' supply of cardboard map-holders in another and enough filing tabs at the Energy Department to last 1,000 years.

Willacy, seconded from Shell for three years, finished setting up his team of private-sector experts in January this year and his *Central Unit on Purchasing* (CUP) set out to save the taxpayer £400 million a year, or 5 per cent of the target expenditure, by 1987.

After nearly a year of aggressive housekeeping inside Whitehall, Willacy has discovered that purchasing is the Cinderella department of the civil service. Anyone with ambitions to rise up the ladder spends as little time as possible in the paper clip and furniture department, with the result that the wasteful traditions have been allowed to carry on unchecked and no real attempt has been made to cut back on the government's annual £7 billion purchasing bill.

Willacy commented.: "Government purchasing is usually a part-time operation carried out by amateurs with little formal training. To be really successful in purchase and supply you have to be aggressive, dig your heels in and be prepared to take risks. The people I come across are very nice *individually but they haven't* joined the civil service to be aggressive."

However, *realizing that the* Willacy drive had the full backing of the prime minister, Whitehall reacted enthusiastically. In the first year, CUP has reduced the 1985/86 purchasing budget by £70 million, a 1.2 per cent cut, and in the current financial year the target is £109 million, a 1.7 per cent reduction. But the savings are still far behind the sort of targets which the private sector, particularly the oil industry at present, would set itself. Willacy has made it clear that he expects much better results.

So far the departments with smaller budgets have been the pacesetters. For example, the National Savings department cut back in the financial year 1985/86 by £3.4 million, Inland Revenue by £4.8 million, and the Stationery Office by £9.3 million. But three departments, including Agriculture and the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, which has 135 stores, were unable to record what *they had achieved.*

Spurred on by the Willacy unit, some departments have introduced novel ideas for saving. The Royal Mint has saved more than £600,000 by the increased use of scrap rather than virgin material and its purchasing officers have been told to try to save the equivalent of their annual salaries in their negotiations. But despite the enthusiasm of many of the departments to cooperate, it seems unlikely that the ambition of reaching a 5 per cent cutback by next April will be realized.

Strenuous efforts are being made to tackle one of the worst areas of waste, the huge stockholdings scattered around the country. Excluding Defence equipment and the Common Market Agricultural Policy food stocks, central government stores are estimated to be worth about £150 million. But no one knows whether this is accurate because many departments have failed to keep proper inventories.

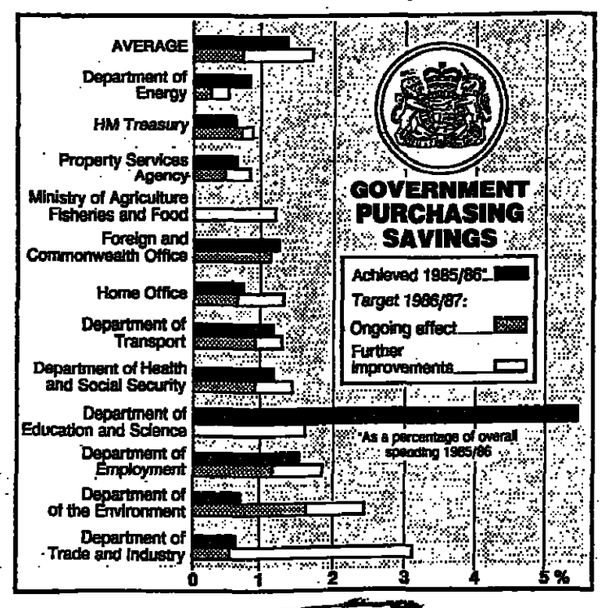
But it has been worked out that it costs £50 million just to look after the stockholdings. For example, stocks of stationery are worth about £75 million and will last for many years. About a quarter could become obselete or unusable.

So far, departments have set themselves a stock reduction target of only 7 per cent (£10 million) by next April but the Environment Department hopes to cut its main stationery store by 60 per cent by the end of next March, 1988.

Willacy believes that civil servants have a tendency to set themselves targets which they *know they can achieve* and so avoid any trouble, whereas the private sector sets targets that really stretch the purchasing departments.

To ensure that the Willacy impact remains a positive force after he has returned to Shell, every department is being encouraged to employ private-sector personnel as consultants. In a few cases, such as the Home Office, department purchasing officers have already become enthusiastic converts to private-sector practices.

But there is still one major obstacle to overcome. High-flying civil servants have to be persuaded that a career in purchasing is just as rewarding as the more traditional cerebral areas of policy and strategy. That could be an insurmountable barrier.



Roger Scruton

Triumph of the half-educated

A century ago T.G. Masaryk sought to explain the extraordinary increase in the number of suicides throughout the civilized world. Like Durkheim, he believed that man had become detached from the laws and customs which bound him to society and that, far from welcoming this detachment, he experienced it as a loss of joy and certainty, a failure to find, in his surrounding world, the meaning and purpose which would justify his presence there. In short, his emancipation from society was felt as a loss of freedom, not a gain.

It was not merely the decline of faith, Masaryk argued, which induced this troubled posture. Things were exacerbated by a peculiar modern phenomenon, which he called *Halbbildung* — half-education. It was the prominence in public life of the semi-educated, he suggested, that stirred up the hopes and destroyed the certainties of mankind. All faith was cast in doubt, all morality relativized, and all simple contentment destroyed, by the sarcastic criticism of those who could see just so far as to question the foundations of social order but not so far as to uphold them.

Many things have changed since Masaryk wrote, and suicide could no longer be described as the major social problem. Nevertheless, *der halbgebildete Mensch* has not relinquished his central position. The main effect of the small dose of education which is generally administered is to destroy culture, by installing a habit of scepticism. With the rise of social science the stance of the "thinking man" is increasingly assumed to be a stance *outside* society, outside culture, a stance which rejoices in *debunking* values.

The simpler and more widely available forms of education are therefore invariably secular, cynical and "value-free". They avoid the true task of criticism, which is not merely to disparage, but to discern and conserve what is valuable. True education is a *demanding thing.* Its discipline is harder, its range of reference wider, and its standpoint towards the ordinary world of the uneducated more humble than anything a student is likely to come across in a course of sociology.

The semi-educated fear the educated. They will always act to marginalize the defenders of the old disciplines and values, so as to rule in their place. There is a kind of Gresham's Law of the intellect, by which bad education drives out good. The place formerly occupied by wisdom and circumspection is now occupied by scepticism and triviality. Institutions such as universities, publishing houses, churches and the BBC, which used to be bastions of our crumbling civilization, are now in the hands of people for whom the very word "civilization" is an object of scorn.

This intellectual Gresham's Law parallels the law first enunciated by Robert Conquest which is that the more you know about something, the more right-wing you are about it. (By "right-wing" he meant appreciative of true achievements, obedient to authorities, and firm against obstreperous demands for "equality" and "liberation".) Conversely, the more left-wing you are about something (whether it be the style of Jane Austen or nuclear strategy) the less you know about it.

It is a pity that when Norman Tebbit launched his attack on the BBC nobody was at hand to remind him of the laws of Gresham and Conquest. *It is not* the case that the BBC is in the hands of a left-wing conspiracy. Its manifest "anti-capitalist" bias is no different from the anti-capitalist bias of the churches and the universities. It is neither intended nor planned, but emerges from the spontaneous co-operation of a thousand *half-educated* individuals, each of whom sees his mission as that of questioning established power.

It is no more likely that right-wing opinions will be fairly discussed by the BBC than that they will be fairly considered in a university. To see through to their meaning you must first regain at the level of reflection that natural seriousness which people leave behind when they enter the path of education, and which can be regained only by travelling further along that path than most are inclined to go.

However, the semi-educated are as hungry for moral values as the rest of us. Having learned how to despise their forefathers' values and to pour scorn on every other source of natural contentment, they find themselves drawn into a morality of opposition. They begin to see the defender of traditional values not as an intellectual opponent, with whom you might decently argue and from whom you might learn, but as a demon.

"Right-wing" views begin to be perceived, not as mistaken, but as *evil*, and everybody who stands publicly for them will become an object of fierce moral abuse. If you are not part of the broad left-liberal consensus — the consensus of the semi-educated — then you are an enemy of the people. That, I believe, is why no right-wing speaker can be guaranteed a safe platform at a modern university, and why no right-wing politician can be sure that he will not be libelled by the BBC.

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Peking for all the Test news

When you are away for a month on your first trip to the Far East, as I have just been, it is very easy to get out of touch with the news. I would go so far as to say that it is hard to keep in touch with the news. I would go even further: one of the main reasons for going to the Far East is to experience the joy and serenity of being out of touch with the news.

When you get back, though, your first duty is to catch up with events. To give you some idea of how quickly things change these days, I can tell you that when I left in mid-November the two main news stories were the curious goings-on about arms for Iran, and the strange behaviour of the British government in the Australia spy-book case. Robert Armstrong, with all the reserve for which the British civil servant is noted, had just had a tussle with a photographer at Heathrow. When I returned last Saturday the two main stories were about the curious Iranian arms goings-on and the strange behaviour of the British government in the Australian spy-book case.

Well, as in my absence you have had no news, only day-by-day developments in two soap operas, I feel I should bring you any news I have managed to pick up on my travels. The three lead stories I have brought back through customs are: Bangkok may well be building an M25 made entirely out of water, the best cricket coverage in the Far East is in the *China Daily* from Peking, and the main cultural event this month in Rangoon is *Peter Pan.*

The question of water in Bangkok seemed quite important the day we arrived. There had been an enormous storm the night before, and all the main roads into the capital were under water. Many of the inhabitants live on canals anyway, so there was no panic, just a patient wait for the water to recede so that they could see which were roads and which were canals. But the river Chao Phaya, which flows through Bangkok carrying large clumps of greenery and swarms of boats smuggling antiques from both sides of the river, is liable to flood at the best of times and there is a serious plan to build a river by-pass (Chao Phaya B) right round the city. I have a *Bangkok Post* feature article on the subject. Without going into details, I can reveal that it makes the Sizewell controversy look small.

The only news I really needed out east was the result of the First Test in Australia. If I have one criticism of the *Guardian Daily* in Rangoon, it is that it gives considerably more coverage to Burmese girls' volleyball than English cricket. It has a point — Burmese girls' volleyball is a much faster, prettier game — but I feel it should at least give the Test result.

Burma being a small country, I bumped into the editor of the *Guardian Daily* at Rangoon airport, where he was saying farewell to a delegation of Chinese writers and journalists, and was able to ask him what the score was. He gave me the only inscrutable smile I received in the Orient, and vanished. I later realized that I should have asked the Chinese writers, as the *China Daily* turns out to have the best sports coverage of any Communist paper I have met, as well as the most interesting letters about whether Chinese women should wear bikinis while weight-lifting.

I also bumped into a young American from Unicef who is producing *Peter Pan* for the Rangoon expatriate community. He said he had not entirely solved the technical problems of getting people flying, but he was in touch with Buddhist monks who had an ancient technique for getting gold decorations to the top of pagodas on high wires.

The next time I passed through Rangoon I was introduced to a British Council man who turned out to be starring as one of the lesser pirates (I told you Burma was a small place), and he hinted darkly to me that there had been one or two accidents in rehearsal, connected with the flying. Obviously a wonderful story in the making here, but alas by the time the run opened I was on my way back through Hong Kong. The *South China Morning Post* devoted all its drama space to the First Hong Kong Brecht Festival. Not a word about *Peter Pan.*

The rest of the paper was devoted to the coming of Christmas which, in a colony where the permanent governor is Mammon, is taken much more seriously than here, to the point where shops remain open on Christmas and Boxing Day. I couldn't find a review either in the *Bangkok Post*, which is still obsessed with the river Chao Phaya. And there is no point in looking in the British press, which only carries reports of Irangate and MI5. I shall just have to rely on returning to Burma and bumping into the *Guardian Daily's* drama critic. As I said, it's a small country.

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AIDS AND MORALS

Almost exactly twelve years ago, Sir Keith Joseph threw away his chance of leading the Tory Party when he delivered a speech advocating government measures to make contraception more easily available to people trapped in a "cycle of deprivation". To read his speech today, in the light of the current discussion over how to combat Aids, is to be made aware of how far attitudes have changed in the intervening years.

For the measures he suggested then are distinctly similar to those which the Government has adopted in its campaign against Aids or which it is being urged to adopt by doctors and public health officials. These are that the general public should be made aware in the frankest possible terms that condoms offer some protection against Aids; that advertising restrictions upon condoms — on television, for instance — should be lifted; that in good time they should be distributed free by the Government; and that meanwhile they should be widely available in shops and stores of all kinds.

There is a sort of logic behind this. Aids is a virus transmitted by an exchange of bodily fluids with an infectious person, most often through sexual intercourse. That is why the disease is spread very rapidly by sexual promiscuity which maximises the number of such exchanges. If we leave aside all moral considerations, two methods of limiting the spread of Aids are open to us. The first is the avoidance of sexual promiscuity — which means either chastity outside marriage or fidelity within it. The second is some form of protective condom which reduces the risk of promiscuity — "safe sex" as it has come to be called.

From a purely technical standpoint, fidelity and chastity are by far the more reliable safeguards. In fact, they offer 100 per cent protection from infection. via sexual intercourse. Safe sex is really no more than "safer sex" since condoms provide against infection only the (very considerable) protection they have always provided against pregnancy. Yet it is "safe sex" rather than sexual restraint which the Government has chosen to emphasise in its campaign.

It is noteworthy that despite the lip-service paid to the importance of "frankness" in the fight against Aids, Ministers from the Health Department have avoided frankness on this point. Instead, they have offered the famous euphemism that people should try to stick to one sexual partner but that, "if that is not possible", they should be sure to use a condom. Other institutions have followed this logic. The very title of the BBC Radio Two campaign on Aids, "Play Safe", is permissive in relation to sex, stern in its hygienic instruction to safety.

The explanation of that phrase — "if that is not possible" —. is not hard to discover. Ministers, doubtless on the advice of their officials, take the existing amount of sexual promiscuity as a given. They do not believe that moral exhortation or even promoting knowledge of the risks of promiscuity will have any effect on behaviour that is inspired by such powerful passions. And they may be partly right insofar as official statements and advertisments will probably be paid less heed than the outlook implicitly recommended by pop songs or television soap operas. But injunctions to "play safe" are just as liable to be disregarded for the same reasons — the more so if, as seems a prudent assumption, people encouraged to be morally lax are hardly likely to show great practical prudence.

This was a point grasped twelve years ago by Sir Keith. In a notably honest passage, he argued that state provision of contraceptives was a short-term solution that might in some senses aggravate the long-term problem:

"Yet proposals to extend birth control facilities to ....potential young unmarried mothers evokes entirely understandable moral opposition. Is it not condoning immorality? I suppose it is. But which is the lesser evil, until we are able to remoralise whole groups and classes of people, undoing the harm done when already weak restraints on strong instincts are further weakened by permissiveness?"

Contraception is only part of society's protection against Aids. It will achieve more if it is promoted in a context of moral restraint.

WOMAN'S ESTATE

Whatever the incentives to joining the married estate, financial advantage is not one of them. The British tax system discriminates against married couples and families to a point where legitimizing a relationship and rearing children within wedlock have become financial liabilities of a high order.

Three groups suffer particularly from the vagaries of the present tax system: married women with significant investment income; married couples buying a house with a mortgage of more than £30,000, who would qualify for tax relief on double that amount if they were unmarried; and married couples with children where the wife does not work and so forfeits her own earned income tax allowance.

In the last case, such a situation might just be defensible if it applied also in reverse, but it does not. If the man stays at home to look after the children, the working wife may claim her husband's tax allowance in full.

The only group to benefit from the present system comprises married couples where both partners work. The man receives an allowance fifty per cent higher than the single person's allowance, while his wife continues to receive her single person's allowance.

By rights, the present taxation arrangements ought to have set the entire social structure askew. Only traditional social pressure, so it seems, has prevented us from becoming a nation of cohabiting couples with large mortgages, married couples with work but without children, and families where the man stays at home and his wife works, claiming both her own personal allowance and that of her husband.

To minimize these contradictions within the confines of the present system of taxation and take account of the fact that Britain now has one of the highest percentages of working wives in Europe, the Government has proposed to make the tax allowances on earned income equal as between married men and women and transferable between spouses. Under this system, outlined in a green paper published at the time of the Budget last March, a spouse without earned income could transfer his or her allowance to the other.

The proposed changes have attracted strong and single-minded criticism from women's groups and from the Equal Opportunities Commission. They argue that the transferable allowance would encourage husbands to put pressure on their wives to stay at home; that by removing some married women from the workforce, it would disguise the true level of unemployment; and that it would make it more difficult for a married woman to run her own financial affairs independently. In other words, they regard it as a setback for women's rights.

These groups advocate instead a system where men and women are treated as individual tax units regardless of their marital status. They would make each partner responsible for his or her own tax returns, and compensate those who bear the financial burden of child-rearing (man or woman) by means of increased child allowances.

Such a system has a superficial appeal. It would free married women from the status of chattels to their husbands so far as their tax affairs were concerned — but at the cost of inflicting a financial penalty on the woman who prefers to raise children at home. Moreover, in an age when many couples choose not to marry, it would have the further appeal of making marital status irrelevant so far as the fiscal functions of the state were concerned. The question is whether marital status *should* necessarily be irrelevant.

The present arrangement whereby there are strong financial disincentives to marriage is clearly undesirable. However, that is no argument for neutralizing the tax system entirely. At a time when the virtues of fidelity are being expounded for sound medical and moral reasons which have implications for the health of succeeding generations, there is a compelling argument for giving financial incentives to those who choose the married estate. If the proposed changes also offer women (and men) a real choice, between working or staying at home to look after children — a choice which is determined by personal inclination rather than financial considerations — that is an additional benefit, and one which should not be cynically confused with mechanisms for reducing unemployment.

BLOODSHED IN KARACHI

Forty more people died and nearly 200 were injured in Karachi yesterday, raising the death toll to nearly 100 after 48 hours of ethnic rioting (Some say the total is much higher). As troops struggled to re-impose the rule of law upon embattled streets, appalling tales of cruelty and attrition reached the outside world. It is the second wave of inter-communal fighting within two months in Pakistan and has been described as the most serious since 1977 — when the end result was the overthrow of the late Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and the establishment of military rule. Is Pakistan about to descend once more into an abyss?

On the face of it this seems unlikely. The present violence has erupted between Pathans and Mohajirs, two of the four main ethnic groupings in Pakistan's main commercial centre. There is a long history of violence between the Pathans and the Mohajirs — Muslims who flocked over the border from India following partition nearly 40 years ago. So the phenomenon is hardly unprecedented — although Karachi has never seen anything on quite this scale.

Nor is it entirely unexplained. The violence erupted after government forces swept down upon the Pathan suburb of Sohrab Goth in a round-up of drugs and arms rackets. Reports suggest that the Pathans then took revenge on their old enemy, in the belief that Mohajir sources had helped to instigate the raid.

But nothing in Pakistan is quite as simple as it sounds. As the fires burned yesterday and bodies were pulled from the rubble, opposition leaders were already attacking the government of Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and his mentor President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq. Their most prominent opponent, Miss Benazir Bhutto, has tried to place the blame on General Zia — still chief of the army staff — for his failure to call fresh elections.

The logic of that seems escapable. But the riots are certainly bad news for Zia and Junejo at a time of uncertain relations with Delhi. Last month's inter-communal strife in Pakistan led to accusations of Indian involvement — with reports of the arrest of a number of Indian agents in the country. The latest trouble has erupted when India's army is engaged on a series of exercises uncomfortably close to the Pakistan border and at a time when its generals are rumoured to be feeling trigger happy. The reason for this is that Delhi suspects Pakistan of stirring up trouble in the Punjab and harbouring secessionist Sikhs.

It is already a year since the summit between Zia and India's Rajiv Gandhi, at which it was hoped they might lay the foundations for a more stable relationship. As many as 15 years have now passed since the Indo-Pakistan war which resulted in victory for Delhi and the establishment of an independent Bangladesh. Nonetheless, the governments still eye each other uneasily across the frontier.

Domestic divisions in both countries are among the obstacles which stand in the way of a more stable relationship. Thus a police raid can cause a riot which can become political which can lead to suspicions of foreign involvement. For this reason alone, the bloodshed in Karachi could have consequences far greater than were dreamed of by those who caused it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to take up with Taiwan

From Mr Leo Abse, MP for Torfaen (Labour)

Sir, Your editorial (December 6) acknowledges the considerable changes taking place in China and Taiwan. It does not explore the need, now that the future of Hong Kong has been decided, for a fresh reappraisal of our relationship with Taiwan.

Inhibited up to now by our concern for the colony, we have elaborately distanced ourselves from Taipei, allowing mainland China to decide our policy for us: other European countries, although formally giving no recognition to Taiwan, have not been so squeamish or, having less to lose, so pusillanimous.

Now, as a rising young middle class merges into the increasingly prosperous and pluralist Taiwan society, the thrust for independence is expressed by most as a desire to be free of excessive dependence, in trade and political terms, upon the USA.

Other European countries, sensing Taipei's mood and keenly aware of the trade opportunities with this staggeringly successful island economy, are responding: we are not, and consequently we are throwing away both trade opportunities and the considerable diplomatic possibilities that our present continued dialogue with mainland China may afford.

It is time to bring to an end our absurd affectation that Taiwan does not exist. Our rigid interpretations of the niceties of non-diplomatic recognition have caused deep hurt. Recently in Taipei the Prime Minister told me with bitterness how, before he became Prime Minister, as a banker visiting Britain he was denied access to the Governor of the Bank of England.

A catalogue of such unnecessary pinpricks was presented to me by Taiwan's Foreign Secretary, even as he was stressing his clearly genuine desire to build bridges with Britain and acknowledging Britain's especial difficulties because of Hong Kong.

One helpful response from us could be made immediately. Our shadowy man in Taipei is retiring. The new man, looking after trade interests, should, like the representatives of other European countries, be of much higher status and have essential diplomatic experience.

It is to be hoped that any advice being given to and received from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the new appointment will be governed by guidance from our Foreign Secretary.

Yours faithfully,
LEO ABSE (Secretary,
British Taiwan Parliamentary Group),
House of Commons.
December 8.

From the Reverend Dr H. D. Beeby

Sir, Your Saturday editorial, "Two Chinas by default?" gave prominence to the changing situation in Taiwan and for this one is grateful. Unfortunately, it also gave prominence to that confused concept, "two Chinas".

Would the model for this be then "the two Germanies" or "the two Koreas" or "Old England and New England"? More problematic, and far more significant is which of the parties most concerned would be willing to accept it? Would Peking? Would the Nationalists? And, far more important, would the majority of the islanders, who think of themselves as Taiwanese, ever accept it?

For these 17 million out of a total of 20 million China is another country from which their ancestors came long, long ago. It is not their country. Their country is Taiwan, a highly developed, prosperous country, virtually cut off from China since 1895, when it became Japanese for 50 years.

Of course they have linguistic, racial and cultural links with China, but "so what?" Many Americans have linguistic, racial and cultural links with Europe, but we don't speak of "two Europes".

For the Taiwanese, to think of themselves as belonging to a second China because of their history is as unthinkable as suggesting that the Irish, who have historical, linguistic, racial and cultural links with the mainland, should opt for a "two Britains" policy. The Taiwanese have had enough of Asian colonialism of one form or another and long for the world to accept a policy of one China, one Taiwan.

Yours faithfully,
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West Midlands.
December 8.

Labour and defence

From Mr John Ambrose

Sir, A very recent party political broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party sought to persuade us of Neil Kinnock's view that defence money should be spent on surface ships at the expense of Trident.

But then Neil Kinnock, as reported by Robin Oakley on December 4, tells the Americans that a £60million ship can be wiped out by a £250,000 missile from an obsolescent aeroplane, and this is bad finance. Is there a higher than usual degree of inconsistency here?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN AMBROSE,
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December 8.

From Professor D. Lasok, QC

Sir, Labour's defence policy strikingly resembles that of an 18th century Polish Parliament. When faced with military ascendancy of the neighbours it voted a reduction of the Army to prove that, being the largest continental country, Poland was no threat to anyone and to give a good example to the others.

By the end of the century Poland was erased from the map of Europe and never recovered. She lost her freedom and the esteem of the world.

The result was the oppression of generations of Poles who had to fight to preserve their national culture and identity. Generations had to take up arms in hopeless insurrections and foreign wars, earning nothing but condescending compassion. During the last war six million Poles died, yet their voice was excluded from the councils of peace and their country's interests were not seriously treated, even by their own allies. Thus the blunder of one generation can do irreparable and lasting damage.

One does not have to be a soothsayer to foretell the consequences of Labour's policy for Britain and Europe. Alas, history teaches only those who are willing to learn.

Yours faithfully,
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Food mountains

From the Secretary and Deputy Chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council

Sir, The fourth article of your five-part series about agricultural surpluses ("Moving mountains" — November 24-28) mis-states the role of research. When increased UK agricultural production was the priority, research contributed to this, as did the initiative and vision of British farmers.

But the Agricultural and Food Research Council no longer gives priority to research geared simply to increasing production. Consistent levels of output are a current aim. The battle against pests and diseases does not end. The safety and quality of our food supply, protection of the environment, the improvement of animal welfare and the problems of taking land out of agricultural production, are also of current concern.

The wheat variety Rendezvous, chosen to illustrate your article, is valuable in its unique ability to resist the eyespot fungus by inbuilt resistance without using external fungicides and notable for the gene transfer which brought this about.

Agricultural over-production is not a consequence of research but of the economic framework within which the industry operates. The soils and climate of Britain are among the best in the world for food production. This source of economic strength requires research and development to be useful in changing economic circumstances.

Agricultural research includes not only the life sciences, but also chemistry, physics and engineering. It contributes an important part of the science base on which the agrochemical, agricultural engineering, food, and the newly emerging biotechnology industries depend for their future. It should continue to command support from Government and industry sources.

Yours faithfully,
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December 11.

Steel price stability

From the Chairman of the British Steel Corporation

Sir, I would make a number of interrelated points in response to Mr James Campbell's letter (November 28), which in effect alleged that British Steel's much improved financial situation is achieved at the expense of consumers on the strength of steel's operating in a controlled market, which our customers do not.

First, whilst UK manufacturing prices generally and steel-using industries' prices specifically have risen broadly in line with inflation since the late seventies, BSC home prices have risen by about half that.

Secondly, whilst BSC prices have risen by around 20 per cent over these years, our material input costs have risen by more than twice that amount implying a severe price/cost squeeze. Moreover, the impact on our activity levels of a heavy fall in UK steel consumption (25 per cent during the period) has greatly increased this.

The corporation's response to this acute challenge has been to carry out a restructuring programme on a scale and at a speed which I doubt many other industries have ever equalled. The social cost of thus achieving international competitiveness has been very heavy.

The market support measures operated by the European Community authorities have been designed to buttress the restructuring effort of ECSC steel producers by restricting output from the excess capacity brought about as a result of the recession while it is being progressively eliminated.

The associated limited measures to achieve voluntary restraint of imports were introduced to prevent non-Community producers taking unreasonable advantage of the restrictions under which ECSC producers are operating. Nevertheless, steel imports are currently supplying about one third of the UK market.

This scene is far from that depicted by your correspondent.

Community steel producers anticipate a continuing price/cost squeeze. British Steel is a business embracing a wide range of very varied product markets with a total turnover in excess of £3billion; it is not a uniform bureaucracy. Accordingly there are certainly specific product sectors where prices have been experiencing especially severe pressure and where some increases from present levels are likely. But overall BSC is indeed looking for price stability in the period ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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December 4.

Central control in the Church

From the Reverend R. T. Beckwith

Sir, Whether the Bishop of Birmingham is really calling for the Archbishop of Canterbury to be given a universal jurisdiction like that of the Pope (Clifford Longley, December 8) I do not know. What is clear, however, is that this would be quite inadequate to meet the present situation in the Anglican Communion and its member churches.

The Anglican Communion and its churches have hitherto been held together by agreement: agreement on doctrine, agreement on morals, agreement on worship, and agreement on church order. If liberalism succeeded in dissolving this agreement, no wielding of a jurisdictional stick could keep Anglicans united.

The chief responsibility for maintaining this agreement rests with the bishops. Yet it is from a bishop that we have recently been hearing attacks on doctrines of the creeds, and it is bishops who have refused to maintain Christian morality in matters like the ordination of practising homosexuals.

As to agreement on worship, the clerical campaign for the abandonment of the *Book of Common Prayer* has almost destroyed it. And as to agreement on church order, the ordination of women as priests by four Anglican provinces and the declared intention to go on and ordain women bishops there (despite the inability of the other provinces even to accept women priests) bid fair to put the Anglican Communion out of communion with itself.

In this disintegrating situation, the Bishop of London is not promoting division but is standing for moderation and sanity. It is admitted that he has broken no rule, only a convention. He has indeed resisted the wishes of the episcopate on both sides of the Atlantic. But by doing this he has demonstrated two important truths.

First, that it is still possible to be both orthodox and Anglican. And secondly, that if the intolerance of liberalism drives loyal Anglicans out of the local Anglican church, it does not thereby drive them out of the Anglican Communion, since there still are Anglicans to whom they can look for support, and Anglican bishops ready to afford them pastoral care.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Cosmo Russell

Sir, To a regular Anglican communicant over 60 years, 8 o'clock Sunday and 1662 version preferred, Dr Montefiore and Mr Longley evoke surprise. They will recognize that at the level of the sacraments — the only real level — there is no problem. Therein lies the authority needed: Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, to treat papal authority as theologically unsound (*vide* Mr Longley) will raise a laugh among Roman Catholics for whom papal authority, with occasional historical variations, has been a constant factor since St Peter.

If Dr Montefiore and Mr Longley would leave their fears of Anglican disintegration at episcopal level at the top and help instead to build the Church of England from the bottom — that is to say the altar rail at the Communion — they will find a sure foundation.

Yours faithfully,
COSMO RUSSELL,
as from Parapet House,
Lenham, Kent.
December 8.

Love of justice

From the Reverend Leo Maidlow-Davis, OSB

Sir, *Dilexi justitiam et odi iniquitatem, propterea morior in exsilio.* These words of Pope Gregory VII, which Peter Wright has applied to his own condition (Spectrum, December 8), are themselves a bitter reworking of Psalm 44,7. When properly translated Pope Gregory's words read, "I have loved justice and hated iniquity, therefore I *die* in exile".

This desperate assertion affords us a deeper and a sadder insight into Peter Wright's state of mind than would the mere observation that he is *living* in exile.

Yours faithfully,
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December 8.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 16 1856

Dr David Livingstone (1813-1873) had returned only four days previously from explorations which necessitated the redrawing of the map of Central Africa. Only scraps of news filtered back. Livingstone opened his address to the Royal Geographical Society, which presented him with its gold medal for his discoveries, by excusing any imperfections in his language on the ground that he had spoken very little English for the past 16 years. The final e on his name was added later in his life

DR. LIVINGSTON'S AFRICAN DISCOVERIES.

The PRESIDENT [Sir Roderick Murchison], in opening the proceedings, said they were met to welcome Dr. Livingston on his return from South Africa to his native country after an absence of 16 years, during which, while endeavouring to spread the blessings of Christianity through lands never before trodden by the foot of a British subject, he had made geographical discoveries of invaluable importance, which had justly won for him the Victoria or Patron's gold medal of that society. (Cheers). When that honour was conferred in May, 1855, for traversing South Africa from the Cape of Good Hope by the Lake Ngami to Linyanti, and thence to the west coast in 10 S.lat., Lord Ellesmere, their then president, spoke of the scientific precision with which the unarmed and unassisted English missionary had left his mark on so many important stations of regions hitherto blank. (Hear, hear.) If for that wonderful journey Dr. Livingston was justly recompensed with the highest distinction their society could bestow, what must now be their estimate of his prowess when they knew that he had retraversed the vast regions which he first opened out to their knowledge; nay, more, that after reaching his old starting point at Linyanti, in the interior, he had followed the Zambesi, or continuation of the Leambye river, to its mouths on the shores of the Indian Ocean, passing through the Eastern Portuguese settlement of Tête, and thus completing the entire journey across South Africa? In short, it had been calculated that putting together all his various journeys, Dr. Livingston had not travelled over less than 11,000 miles of African territory . . .

Dr. LIVINGSTON was received with much cheering. He said . . . As a Christian missionary I only did my duty in attempting to open up part of southern inter-tropical Africa to the sympathy of Christendom, and I am very much gratified by finding in the interest which you and many others express a pledge that the true negro family, whose country I traversed, will yet become a part of the general community of nations. (Cheers.) The English people and Government have done more for Central Africa than any other in the way of suppressing that traffic which proves a blight to both commerce and friendly intercourse. (Cheers.) May I hope that the path which I have lately opened into the interior will never be shut, and that, in addition to repression of the slave trade, there will be fresh efforts made for the development of the internal resources of the country. (Hear, hear.) . . .

Dr. LIVINGSTON, being called upon by the President said that . . . the natives belonged to the true negro family, having a good deal of very woolly hair, and being darker than the Bechuanas. They held their women in high estimation and many of them became chiefs. If a man were asked to go anywhere or to agree to any arrangement he said, "I must go home and ask my wife." If she said, "No", there was no possibility of getting him to move. Women sat in their councils, and while a Bechuana swore by his father these negroes swore by their mother . . . The country in most parts abounded with elephants, buffaloes, zebras, giraffes, and other game, and he had shot three new antelopes not yet known in England. He had found it unnecessary to burden himself with provisions in travelling, for the animals did not seem to know a gun, and would stand within bow shot of his weapon. In the interior the people were very kind to him, but he could not say they improved as he approached the confines of civilization . . .

One for the pot

From Dr Martyn H. Butterworth

Sir, I was pleased to read that help is at hand for the iguana (feature, December 8). Whilst travelling in Latin America I have eaten and enjoyed iguana and their eggs, alligator tail, capybara, tortoise and rattlesnake.

Yours faithfully,
MARTYN H. BUTTERWORTH,
(Consultant in Tropical Animal Production)
2 Curzon Place,
Lymington, Hampshire.
December 8.

Saying it in style

From the Reverend Canon F. G. Kerr-Dineen

Sir, What is wrong with the old form of address: "Dear Sir or Madam"? I have just had "Dear British Gas Customer", and this morning, from a worthy charity, "Dear Busy Minister".

You will know, Sir, that I am old, and therefore old-fashioned, but I am cheered by the fact that the DHSS in paying my pension always writes:

"Dear Sir or Madam".

Yours truly,
F. G. KERR-DINEEN,
The Rectory,
Stopham,
Nr Pulborough, Sussex.
December 1.

Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

A Worm moves in with records

Hertfordshire Police pioneered the storing of colour photographic images of convicted criminals by optical disk technology

By Geof Wheelwright

There is a WORM in the Government's Public Record Office - and it isn't the type that likes to read books. In this case, the WORM is a "Write Once Read Many" optical computer storage device helping the Public Record Office to move its record-keeping systems into the 20th century.

The system was introduced to the PRO this month as computer manufacturer Data General — which supplied the system — announced its contract with the Government to run a pilot project to assess the suitability of storing computer records on optical disk.

The government department which, in addition to general public record-keeping, is charged with keeping everything from modern cabinet documents to historic tomes such as the Magna Carta, has ordered a system capable of storing the equivalant of 250,000 typed A4 pages — 1 Gigabyte — to be exact.

The installation of this optical disk unit should enable the PRO to collect around 2,000 magnetic data tapes from various government departments to put on the sytem.

Optical storage is particularly attractive because of its high capacity and claimed greater longevity.

Data General, for example, suggest that optical disks in large systems have a life of about 10 years. This claim, however, cannot be fully tested until optical systems have been in use as long as traditional storage media.

An optical disk system works on much the same principles as the current crop of Compact Disc (CD) music systems — except that CDs can only play back information from the compact disc, and offer no way of recording.

The information, in this case music, on a Compact Disc is transformed into music when a tiny, pin-hole laser beam is shone over the surface of the CD as it spins around inside the player.

The surface of the CD is pitted with tiny indentations — each of which represents a small piece of encoded music — and the way in which the laser beam is reflected off this pitted surface tells the player what sounds to transfer to the amplifier and speakers.

On an optical disk system, users need to be able to not only read information in this manner — but also place new information on the optical disk.

Each time information is written onto the disc, an area is physically burned and once made there is no way of removing it — hence the name Write Once Read Many.

Control Data has been moving to try and establish some standards in the WORM market and a few weeks ago announced equipment that would allow a WORM system to be connected to IBM's personal computer.

Health groups in data watch

■ Local and health authorities are to be among the first groups to come under the scrutiny of the Data Protection Registrar, Eric Howe, as he begins to chase first any large data users who have not registered.

"I have some sympathy for very small data users", said Mr Howe, who may not have access to the professional advice that larger organizations enjoy". Finance houses and direct marketing are the other two areas for the first investigation. From November 1987, individuals will have the right to have a copy of any personal information about them held on computer. So far, the Registrar's Office has received 160 complaints from individuals.

In the holiday spirit

■ The holiday spirit was much in evidence at Lotus Development last week after a Florida contractor withdrew a $254,000 product liability lawsuit against Lotus, ending a year- long dispute over whether software companies are responsible for errors made by people using their programs. The contractor, James Cummings, contended that Lotus's Symphony business program had failed properly to incorporate a $254,000 entry for general expenses into a construction bid.

Mr Cummings won the bid but lost money on the deal. Lotus countered that it was not responsible for what it said was an inexperienced user's error that could have been avoided by reading the instruction manual. "We intended to fight this all the way and never settle," said Henry Gutman of the law firm that represented Lotus.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Computerized filofax

■ While so-called "personal organizers" have been available on computer for some time - providing an on-screen address book, diary, or note-taker — this year has seen the advent of the computerized "filofax" type.

With an eye clearly on upmarket Christmas presents, there is one now available for PC owners for the relatively modest price of £100. Like computerized organizers it provides all the on-screen options, but with the option of printing it all out on special sheets to put in a leather binder, also provided. It includes word-processing facilities, a "self-sorting" address book and mail merge, so that addresses can be automatically used for mailshots. Further information on 01-922 8821.

Terms for Superbrain

■ US officials have agreed draft terms to sell India their latest American super computer, after talks on security safeguards. The United States has been insisting on assurances that the computer will only be used for weather and agricultural purposes.

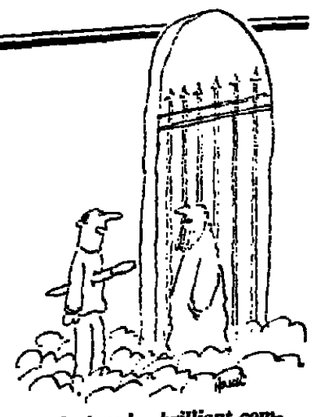
The talks last week followed an announcement by the US State Department in October that Washington had tentatively approved the sale, one of the first offers of high technology to a country outside Western Europe. India wants the multi-million dollar Cray computer, with a 32- megabyte memory, said to be one of the fastest in the world, but the United States demanded strong safeguards to prevent the transfer of such high technology as the super computers to the Eastern block. The two sides still have to negotiate the specific model and commercial terms before delivery, for which no date has been set, the sources said.

£50m fibre network

■ British Telecom has begun installing a £50 million optical fibre network to link major business subscribers to local telephone exchanges in the City of London. The first of its kind, it will enable customers to send all their digital communication services — voice, data, telex, fax, video and private circuits — through a single glassfibre pipeline. More than 60,000 km of optical fibre will be installed in the next 12 months — almost enough to go round the world twice. The programme will extend the use of optical fibre in the local telephone network to the rest of the country over the next decade.

Reviving Bach

■ Researchers at the University of Illinois have built a computer capable of being programmed to compose music in the style of Johann Sebastian Bach. Creators David Sirkin and Larry Rendell claim their machine can be fed any tune and come up with the harmonics Bach would have composed around it, replete with variations.



'I designed a brilliant computer system — which made 500 of my colleagues redundant'

Mr Sirkin said: "The great thing about bringing Bach back to life is you can ask him to harmonize a melody written long after his death. The computer is an exercise in artificial intelligence, finding out what a machine can learn, said Mr Rendell. What you'd like to do is create a computer program that can learn anything, from music to medicine, to games. That's the real goal: machine learning, artificial intelligence. But the composer-computer is not about to start writing Bach originals. The researchers said it was highly unlikely that any computer could ever approach composer's genius.

Alan Fox, chief executive of the IT Institute at Cranfield

Fast change forces IT courses to take a commercial break

EDUCATION

By Frank Brown

As a result of the long-standing shortage of people with information technology skills, the winds of change are starting to blow through IT education and training.

The high cost of providing IT courses, coupled with the need to keep up with the rapid pace of technological developments, have forced universities and technical colleges to be much more commercially-minded.

Most in the field are now actively having to seek collaborative ventures with commerce and industry in IT, either to obtain sponsorship for courses, or to undertake joint development projects.

Next year will see a further evolutionary step in university and industry collaboration when the IT Institute, the first industry-funded higher educational establishment for training and research in IT, opens its doors in Milton Keynes.

The new establishment, which, advocates argue, could be a blueprint for technological universities and colleges of the future, is being set up by Cranfield Institute of Technology, in collaboration with some 30 British and American firms, which have collectively invested more than £3 million in the new venture.

They include major IT users such as British Gas, British Aerospace and British Petroleum, as well as major IT suppliers such as IBM, DEC, British Telecom, Hewlett-Packard, Inmos, Intel and Rank Xerox.

The new establishment will be run as a self-supporting commercial company rather than on normal academic lines. It has a chief executive, instead of a vice-chancellor, and a supervisory board upon which many of the sponsor companies are represented.

That board will have direct control of the Institute's activities, to ensure that courses and research are geared to industry's requirements, and based on the world's latest IT resources.

"This user-oriented approach to IT education is essential if the long-standing shortage of people with IT skills is to be overcome", commented Dr Allan Fox, the institute's chief executive.

"IT education and training in the UK has generally concentrated on the requirements of IT suppliers. The skills that are in short supply, however, are not so much those for designing computers, but for applying computing techniques to applications which users want to computerize."

"The dearth of people with IT skills will never be overcome by teaching people computer technology. They must also learn how to apply it, how to computerize business - industrial and scientific processes - cost-effectively.

"In other words, they must learn how to analyse and interpret intended applications in computing terms, so that every application process or procedure is computerized in the most appropriate way to form a truly synergistic system."

Graduate and post-graduate courses will be offered. Teaching activities are expected to grow over a five-year period to some 200 post-graduate programmes and more than 4,000 short course places for personnel in industry, commerce and government.

Research activities will cover high growth- application areas such as networking, microelectronics, software engineering, and artificial intelligence, and will be carried out on a joint- venture basis with sponsoring companies and international research institutions.

Dr Fox believes the commercial structure, financial independence and international character of the IT Institute will enable it to keep up with the latest developments in IT worldwide.

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■ **Computers in Retailing**, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13

■ **Cadcam 87**, Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)

Power PCs take over

The announcement by Microsoft of the latest version of its operating system, MS-DOS-4.0, in September has managed to steer clear of the one question that many serious PC users should be asking themselves — what is going to happen in the future.

The Intel range of chips used to power these computers carry with them a fundamental discontinuity in the nice, orderly linear progression of an upgrade path that most computer users yearn for.

The PC family started out being powered by the 8088/8086 family of processors, and one or other of these could be found at the heart of every compatible system as well.

With such a market, it was obvious that the software industry would follow this trend, and both Microsoft, with MS-DOS, and the many producers of applications software, have grown fat on the strength of it.

SOFTWARE

By Martin Banks

With the arrival of the PC/AT however, things have started to change. The AT uses the Intel 80286 processor; better, faster and with some interesting facilities. Most significant among these is the ability to run in what is called the Protect mode, which allows the processor to sectionalize the computer's memory.

About a year ago, Intel announced the development of the next member of this processor family, the 80386 — faster and more powerful than the 80286, and makes the PCs and XTs look positive sluggards.

In addition, it also incorporates an enhanced version of the Protect mode. This gives it the ability to have several applications running in their own "virtual computer" on one machine.

The ability to have different users running different applications on the same machine also has its attractions.

These things are possible on PCs now, but it is arguable that none of them are done particularly well. Using MS-DOS, multi-tasking is only just starting to be a practical possibility.

Even the latest version, 4.0, cannot work with the Protect mode of the newer Intel processors represents a considerable waste of computing resources.

If MS-DOS cannot take advantage of this, however, it also means that the applications packages users have all grown to know and love cannot make use of it either. Users, therefore, are likely to be facing a problem over the coming couple of years.

They will have applications and, more importantly, valuable data, that runs in an operating environment that is increasingly obsolete.

To make any real use of the power of even the existing 80286 processor means a change of operating system that can work with the Protect mode and larger memory space, a change that Microsoft is expected to introduce with the next major revision of MS-DOS, Version 5.

To gain any advantage from this new system, the users will need to invest in new versions of their applications packages, many of which are now being re-modelled to fit the new environment.

For many users, the upgrade will be most welcome, for the limitations of MS-DOS are now being reached. The basic operating system has the increasingly irritating limit of 640K bytes of memory, and a growing number of current applications programs demand that a system has this maximum available in order to work.

The appearance of MS-DOS Version 5 should impose some standardization on working with larger memory capacities, as well as multi-tasking and multi-user working. This in turn should give software developers, and therefore users, a clearer path for future developments.

More computers to book your holiday

By Geof Wheelwright

If you're looking for a career in the travel industry, it is soon likely to be just as important to know the ins and outs of a viewdata computer information system as the names of the best three hotels in Majorca.

Computers are becoming an integral part of all major travel firms, with the trend toward computer based travel agencies likely to continue in the coming months.

Last week Thomson Holidays announced that it has completed switching its entire bookings operation onto a viewdata system.

The move comes at a time when Thomson is crediting its use of such computer systems with a claimed jump in market share from 20 to 30 per cent over the past year.

Deputy managing director Colin Palmer said that Thomson will save about £28 million in 1987 on administrative costs even after expenditure on computer systems have been taken into account.

Thomson's work with computers has not paid-off overnight however and it is only the improvements in data processing throughout the travel industry that have allowed companies to gain the greatest advantage from their in-house systems.

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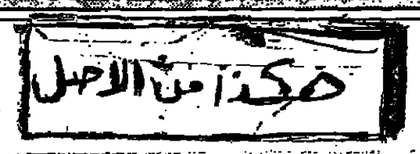

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Public attack on private sector failings

Computer manufacturers and the science and technology industry have come in for a quick flurry of government criticism over the last week.

The Prime Minister chided the private sector over its record on investment in research and development while a report by the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency (CCTA) expressed disappointment with some computer manufacturers over slowness in getting their products to work together via common standards.

Also published was the annual review of government-funded research and development, which says that private industry provided little more than a third of the £6.6 billion spent on R & D in 1986.

The Government paid for nearly 50 per cent; half of it spent on development work for the Ministry of Defence.

John Fairclough, chief scientific adviser to the Government and on secondment from IBM, presented the report and reiterated that the private sector was not spending enough on R & D.

Compromise due for discussion next week

His staff was looking into whether companies should be made to reveal how much they were spending on R & D.

Mrs Thatcher's comments came

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

in a Commons written reply last week giving the details behind a scheme called Link. It will provide up to £210 million of government money over the next five years to try to speed up work on selected university research projects in science and technology, but only if industry will cover at least half the costs.

She said: "The private sector is not investing as much of its own resources in R and D in this country as our most successful competitors."

An attempt to turn the tables on the criticism contained in countless reports on science and technology and made by industry, which argue that government funding is too low for exactly the same reason — it falls well below that of many other advanced countries.

Last week Britain — along with West Germany, France and the Netherlands — was arguing for big cuts in a proposal for a £5.5 billion

Fresh spending is vital

high-technology research budget for the EEC over the next five years.

The other eight EEC members back the European Commission's view that such spending is vital if Europe is to stand any chance of closing the technology gap with the US and Japan.

There was no agreement and a suggested compromise, which involves a budget of £2.6 billion for the next three years, is due to be discussed next Monday.

For the information-technology industry in particular, the CCTA report had at least some kind words. It gives the results on the progress made by 14 leading suppliers of IT in implementing OSI — open systems interconnection — standards.

The CCTA, which looks after the use and purchase of IT within government, was encouraged by a generally "positive approach", but pointed out that most suppliers were running late in certain areas and unlikely to meet some of the CCTA targets.

EDI challenge to small firms

By Richard Sarson

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) has grown quickly in the past three months. EDI is the jargon term for replacing paper orders, invoices and other transactions between companies by electronic messages.

This will eventually, so the argument goes, save firms' time, errors and the cost of rekeying data when ordering or paying for goods.

Since September Istel's orders for Edict — an EDI value-added network - have jumped from 100 to over 160, while ICL's offering, Tradanet, has seen the same pattern.

Launched in April, 1985, a month or two before Edict, Tradanet hit 150 orders in September, but has now gone above 200, with another 150 committed.

Until last year, only 5 per cent of inter-company transactions were electronic, mostly using magnetic tape as a medium, as in BACS —the Bankers' Automated Clearing System.

The stumbling block has been the usual diversity of incompatible machines, communications protocols and differing types and vocabulary of invoices and orders.

While standards are slowly being established, someone has to convert them to usable products. Perhaps surprisingly, those in the forefront are not the biggest companies.

The leaders in Britain are Geisco, ICL and Istel. McDonnell Douglas is a leader in America but Edinet, its British collaboration with British Telecom, has just been axed because of a lack of orders. IBM is only now making a belated appearance.

Istel, the spin- off computer department of Austin-Rover, not surprisingly has 25 per cent of its business in the motor-trade, but is diversifying into general manufacturing, distribution, health and travel.

Geisco, with its Motornet, is also going for the motor trade while Tradanet is currently concentrating on the food, pharmaceutical, white goods, DIY and electrical supply industries.

A group of exporters and shippers are doing a pilot project, Dish, using Tradanet for shipping documentation.

EDI is not only for the big traders like Marks & Spencer, or Sainsbury. Istel says that 45 of its licences are with micros.

One factor that drives the sudden growth in customers is that the customers themselves are the best salesmen.

David Flanders, commercial manager of Norweb, has persuaded 13 of the 15 other regional electricity boards to join him in using Tradanet.

He has also told his major white goods suppliers that if they want to continue doing business they better get connected up as well.

Trans-border move problems

But internationally, EDI runs up against legal restrictions on passing some types of data across borders from certain countries, particularly those, like Germany and to a lesser extent France, where deregulation of the PTTs has not progressed very far.

Some multinationals are very active in EDI, ICI in particular. Colin Clark, the leader of ICI's team was much influenced by ICI American experience with the American chemical industry's data exchange project, and has just persuaded the Council of European Chemical Manufacturers to set up a similar project.

GEISCO believes that 85 per centof trade transactions are at a national level at the moment, and it is important to get that right first.

So far Britain is ahead of the rest of Europe, both in setting the standards and marketing the value- added networks — whether it can retain a lead remains to be seen.

400 jobs go after Burroughs merger

More than 400 jobs are to be lost in Cumbernauld, central Scotland, with the closure of an American-owned computer plant.

In the latest of a series of jobs blows to the area, the former Burroughs computer plant, established in the new town since 1958, is to be shut down.

The announcement follows the merger in September of Burroughs and Sperry to form a new company, Unisys. Burroughs had already shed 350 jobs at Cumbernauld.

After the merger, the new company announced it would cut its world-wide workforce by 8 per cent. The company said the Cumbernauld closure was the result of a "comprehensive worldwide restructuring" though its other Scottish plant, at Livingston, near Edinburgh, is unaffected.

Of the jobs lost at Cumbernauld, 360 will be employees engaged mainly in design and development, and 50 logistical staff.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, Malcolm Rifkind, said he "deeply regretted" the company's decision and said his officials had been in contact with the company for two years to try to safeguard the Cumbernauld operation.

"Two offers of regional assistance were made to the company in the spring of 1985 and as recently as November this year in an attempt to secure the existing jobs," he said.

"Unfortunately, as a result of merger activities between Burroughs and Sperry, corporate management of the new company was not in a position to accept these offers".

The brain drain goes into reverse gear

By Pat Sweet

Next month will see the start of a transatlantic technology transfer with a difference — a sort of small reverse brain drain.

A group of American computer programmers is coming over to take up jobs in Britain from a country widely regarded as having one of the most-skilled computing workforces anywhere in the world and also for paying higher salaries than in the UK. The US programmers will be working with companies that need expertise in fourth-generation languages and relational databases.

This summer Michael Doran of City Recruitment Consultants was asked by a client to find staff with experience of a particular database. He said: "The software had been available in Britain only since last year and at that time there were only 10 sites, so there was great pressure on people who knew something about it. However in America the package had been around for 10 years and there were several hundred users."

So in an effort to increase the pool of potential programmers, Mr Doran advertised in the *New York Sunday Times* and the *Washington Sunday Post*. He also appealed for programmers with other relational databases and fourth-generation language experience on products such as IDMS and Adabas Natural.

"If you ask me, they're overpaid, overqualified and over here..."

The surprising result was more than 100 replies within a fortnight, from applicants whose background ranged from work on the SpaceShuttle programme to commercial banking systems. Mr Doran interviewed 35 candidates and made job offers to 30, of whom only two were British programmers wanting to return home after a stint abroad.

The remainder were Americans keen to work in the UK, although Mr Doran was careful to emphasize first that despite any similarities in the language, it was a different country, and second that they would not be offered as much money as they were used to.

He added: "It was necessary to explain that though the standard of living could be similar, the way of living would be quite different. The average senior programmer in the UK, for instance, earns about £15,000 a year while the same person in the US would easily get between £25,000 and £30,000.

"I was also wary of people who had never been outside America, but there was one applicant who said he planned to go either to Europe or to Chicago, and I realized that to someone from Washington, in fact, Chicago would be like a foreign country."

But the attractions of living in England seemed to have overcome any worries about a drop in salary; the first of the 30 programmers will be coming over in the New Year.

Mr Doran said: "All the 28 Americans are to a greater or lesser extent Anglophiles. They range from someone from Russia who had become a US citizen, didn't like it all that much and wanted to get back to Europe, to people who'd been in England as students or on holiday and liked it."

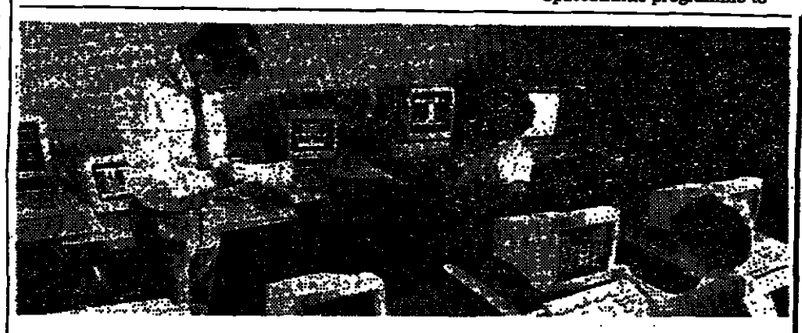
Mr Doran believes the cultural and financial shock to US programmers is likely to be bigger than any change in working practices.

He found the standards of US-trained programmers to be good. Despite the success of the venture, it is not likely to herald a large brain drain, crossing the Atlantic from the other side this time. The lower

High cost of imported staff

UK salaries, although compensated for by the different lifestyle, remain a problem.

And the cost of bringing over US programmers is quite high — Mr Doran estimated about £1,000 in legal fees for each applicant, plus associated costs for flying over new staff and putting them up in hotels while they found accommodation.



Heads of computer departments have fared badly in recent salary rises

Secrets of today's top DP managers

For those who see the racing car as a triumph of man's engineering skills, to be drooled over with pride and affection, skilled drivers and top mechanics are looked up to for their ability to understand car and engines.

It seems these days that a similar ability to know and believe in what a computer system is telling you is one of the most sought-after skills in the computer industry. It is one pointer to a good career as a data processing manager.

Alan Newman, managing director of High Wycombe-based Daton Recruitment, says: "One of the most difficult attributes to identify among senior data processing and MIS (management information systems) management, is people who can believe absolutely in what their system is telling them."

Such ability is more in demand as wider use is made of business requirements planning systems, in which every experience is obviously important and that means good man management. Background qualifications can help, but it is recognized that we don't train for management skills much in Britain.

Mr Newman says: "Many areas of activity are starting to produce good DP management. Manufacturing in particular, as well as the retail and food industries, seem to be producing a lot of good people. These people appear to have started off as users of MIS and have decided to move in that direction. They gain a few years' DP experience, then suddenly emerge as management potential.

"Another area can be those who move from DP operations management, provided they have a good systems understanding."

The average national basic salary for a DP manager is £17,500, although that is before bonuses, overtime and perks.

Yet that does not seem a reflection on what can be earned. DPMs seem to have fared badly in recent salary rises. Even the average of £29,000 a year in the City seems low in comparison to other senior management jobs. But for the DPM who has the skill to believe in his system — and convince corporate management of the fact — salaries could be higher.

Beyond DPM, in a bigger organization, Mr Millar reckons that as a director of MIS or systems director, you can reach £50,000 pa.

And there is no reason good DPMs should not achieve £35,000 in the South-East and £25,000 to 30,000 in the North.

"Part of the trick," emphasizes Mr Newman, "is knowing what is available to apply in the DP and MIS environment. That means staying abreast of developments.

This attitude can be developed early in a career, for it will often take at least 10 years in the DP environment to make it to manager of a medium-size installation. To manage a small installation, say an IBM System 36 or System 38, about five years' experience can be enough.

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

thing in a company — from sales to finance, production to delivery and forecasting — is computer-oriented.

Managers throughout a company all have access to computer-based data. There may well be many views on what actions to take and some may not believe what the system is telling them. The good data-processing manager (DPM) must have implicit faith in what the system indicates.

To do that he or she must know how the system ticks and be able to stand by what it says, regardless of what others say.

So what background does a typical DPM have? What skills must he offer? The classic route, according to Craig Millar, account director of executive search company, Lloyd Chapman and Partners, begins with a conventional DP background. This means programming and systems analysis with project leading and management skills developed over a number of years.

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KENSINGTON PALACE
December 15: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this evening attended a Reception for "The Percent Club" given by the Prime Minister at No 10 Downing Street.

Sir John Riddell, Bt and the Hon Rupert Fairfax were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this evening attended a Carol Service in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, WC2.

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon as President of The Girl Guides' Association, presented brooches to Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace this afternoon.

Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 15: The Duke of Gloucester this morning presented the 1986 Award to the Girl Technician Engineer of the Year at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London, WC2.

In the evening His Royal Highness was present at a Pre-Christmas Drinks Party given by Bulldog Manpower Services Limited at Great Peter Street, London, SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 15: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Reception held for the Mount Everest North-East Ridge 1987 Expedition at 22, South Audley Street, London, W1.

Princess Anne will visit Western Australia in February for the closing stages of the America's Cup.

Princess Anne will visit the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan from February 10 to 21.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will pay a three-day official visit to Portugal in February.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit the Federal Republic of Germany in October 1987.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Gordon Richards will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr R.N.M. Armitage will be held at St Giles in the Fields at noon today.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, 87; Mr N. C. Blamey, 72; Mr F. R. Brown, 75; Sir Michael Carlisle, 57; Mr Arthur C. Clarke, 69; Judge Myrella Cohen, QC, 59; the Hon Peter Dickinson, 59; Sir Jasper Hollom, 69; Lord Margadale, 80; Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Norris, 86; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert Patch, 82; Sir Victor Pritchett, 86; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 64; Sir John Thompson, 79; Miss Jacqueline Thwaites, 55; Miss Liv Ullman, 48; Dr Jan van Loewen, 85; Mr W. H. P. Whatley, 64.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Michael Moore was christened Richard Paul Ian by the Rev Neville Thomas in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Friday, December 12. The godparents are Mr Peter Adorian, Mr Donald Calder, Lady Holland-Martin and Mrs Anthony Fear.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prince of Wales was present at a reception given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening to mark the official launch of The Per Cent Club.

Service dinners

Chatham Dining Club
Major-General G.H. Mills presided at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Major-General Sir Desmond Langley was the guest of honour.

Combined Cadet Force
Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig, Chief of the Air Staff, was the principal guest at the annual officers' dinner of the Combined Cadet Force held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, yesterday. Commander A. Brown, Malvern College, was in the chair. Among others present were:

General Sir Hugh Beach, Vice-Admiral R R Squires, Rear-Admiral P G Gretton, Major-Generals C E W Jones and P C Shapland and Air Vice-Marshals N J Pilkington and G C Lamb.

University news

Salford
Grants
Science and Engineering Research Council: £198,306 to Dr E K Lo and Dr A H Redford for analysis of simulation models for general purpose assembly systems; £90,000 to Dr A Bradshaw and Professor D J Sanger to study flexible robotic manipulation system for remotely operated underwater vehicles.

Bath
Grant
Science and Engineering Research Council//Dorman Diesels: £104,830 to Dr S J Charlton for an investigation of pre-chamber configuration with reference to combustion and emissions for a lean-burn gas engine.

Appointments

Mr Bernard Rix, QC, (pictured above), to be Director of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Rev Gilbert Hopley to be Headmaster of St Paul's Cathedral Choir School from next September, in succession to Mr Derek Sutton, who retires at the end of the summer term.

Mr George Craig to be Principal Establishment Officer of the Welsh Office, with the rank of Under Secretary. He succeeds Mr John Lloyd, who transfers as Under Secretary to head the housing, health and social services policy group of the Welsh Office.

Professor David Grahame-Smith, of Oxford University, to be honorary consultant to the Army in pharmacology from March, in succession to Professor J.B.E. Baker, who is retiring.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union
Sir Oliver Wright gave the 1986 Churchill Lecture at Guildhall yesterday. Sir Donald Tebbit, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, presided and Mr Alan Lee Williams, director-general, also spoke. At a dinner given afterwards by Sir Donald Tebbit and Sir Alistair Frame on board HMS Belfast, Sir Oliver was the guest of honour. Among those present were:

Lady Wright, Lady Frame, Lady Tebbit, Sir Philip and the Hon Lady Adams, Mr David Griffiths, Mr Robert J Korenkoid, Mrs Dene Newman, Mr and Mrs Alan Lee Williams and Mr Nicholas Wright.

National Sporting Club
The National Sporting Club gave a boxing dinner at Grosvenor House yesterday. Mr George Graham was the guest of honour. Mr Jarvis Astaire was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Joe Dimdol and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary of the club.

Harrow School

Winter Term at Harrow School ended on Saturday. The chemistry schools were opened by Professor R.O.C. Norman on Tuesday, November 18. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended Churchill Songs on November 24. The Cock House Match was won by The Head Master's (J.D.V. Vargas) who beat West Acre (D.J. Parry). The Torpid Final was won by Bradbys (A.W.D. Sankey) who beat The Park (J.G.K. Ingram). Next term begins on Monday, January 12.

Sale room

Rare prints found in old wardrobe

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Japanese prints found in the bottom of a wardrobe in a London council flat were the sensations of Christie's sale of Japanese prints and paintings yesterday.

There were two portraits of actors by Kunisada in bright colours and pristine condition dating from 1813 and 1814. One made £24,200 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000) and the other £14,300 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000).

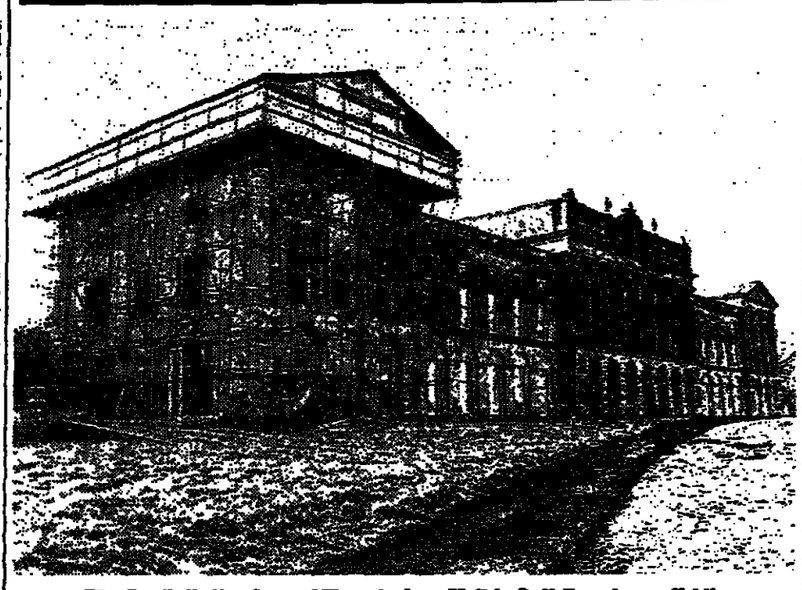
They were sold from the estate of Miss Marie Gray, whose Japanese prints made up roughly half of Christie's sale. Marie Gray lived with Louis Meier, a well known print dealer with a shop in Cecil Court, off the Charing Cross Road. It was the kind of shop where you hoped to find masterpieces among the overflowing piles of junk.

Mr Meier died three years ago and Marie Gray last year. Christie's were invited to clear the flat by the couple's solicitors. "It was overflowing with piles of prints on every surface and appeared not to have been cleaned for 20 years", said a Christie's spokesman. They were mostly cheap prints and extremely dirty.

But here and there Christie's found stars. There was a giltwood replica of a daybird from an Egyptian tomb which had been made in Cairo around 1900 and was worth some £7,000; there were Old Master drawings worth around £15,000, some antiquities and some Persian pottery, but the most valuable pieces were among the Japanese prints, luckily hidden from the dirt in the bottom of a wardrobe.

The contents of the flat has already made more than £200,000, split between a range of Christie's sales. The proceeds go to charity.

Christie's morning sale of Japanese prints and paintings made £186,252 with only nine per cent unsold. There was strong demand at most price levels. A very rare portrait print by Ryukoku, who worked in the early nineteenth century, made a remarkable £3,850 (estimate £600 to £900); it depicts a young woman holding a teacup and is so rare that Christie's literally did not know how to pick an estimate.



The fine Palladian front of Heveningham Hall in Suffolk under scaffolding (Photograph: Joe McKeown).

Fears for Heveningham

Concern is growing over the fate of Heveningham Hall, near Halesworth, Suffolk, which is widely recognized as one of the best Palladian mansions in Britain.

The house and 500-acre park was bought from the Department of the Environment in 1981 by an Arab businessman, Mr Abdul al-Ghazzi, who promised to restore it and allow public access.

But after a fire two years ago, which seriously damaged the east wing, where ironically restoration had started, work on Heveningham Hall has ceased.

It had been planned to repair the fire damage by the end of last year, but the hall today remains boarded and shuttered, with the east wing protected by polythene sheeting.

During this year most of the staff have been laid off. There is no public access to the hall or gardens, and a row has erupted over a proposal to divert a footpath through the park away from the house on security grounds.

The London headquarters of Mr al-Ghazzi's company, Gulfpark Property Management, and the administrator at Heveningham have declined to discuss the matter.

The Director of the Suffolk Preservatin Society, Mr Paul Edwards, said: "We are very worried about the future of Heveningham. No one seems to know what is happening, and we should like to see the district council concerned, Suffolk Coastal, and the Environment Department, take action to ensure restoration goes ahead.

"It is impossible to overstress the importance of this building, and if the owners can give no suitable assurances, then frankly we would like to see someone else have a try with it'."

Heveningham Hall was designed in the late 1770s by Sir Robert Taylor for Sir Gerard Vanneck, a member of a prominent City business family. Capability Brown laid out the grounds and James Wyatt was responsible for the interior.

The Vannecks lived there for nearly two centuries, but were eventualy unable to afford the upkeep. They sold the hall to the Department of the Environment in 1970 and went to Australia. When Mr al-Ghazzi bought the house in 1981, it had been on the market for almost two years.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev S Acland, assistant Priest, St Mary Abbots, Kensington, diocese of London, to be Director of Continuing Ministerial Eduction and Post Ordination Training in the Kensington Episcopal Area, and Team Priest, St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea, same diocese.

The Rev RJ Annis, Chaplain, Trinity Hall, diocese of Ely, to be Vicar, St Stephen, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, diocese of London.

The Rev MF Baynham, curate, St Edburgha, Yardley, diocese of Birmingham, to be Team Vicar in the Marlbrook Team Ministry, Bath, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev TM Beaumont, Vicar, St Peter, Broadwater, Stevenage, diocese of St Albans, to be Vicar, St Michael, St Albans, same diocese.

The Rev RES Bennett, Rector, Camerton, Dunkerton, Foxcote and Shoscombe, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Rural Dean of Midsomer Norton, same diocese.

The Rev D Brindley, Vicar, Quorn, and Director of Post-Ordination and In-Service Training, diocese of Leicester, to be Principal of Gloucester Ordination Course, diocese of Gloucester.

The Rev W Byron, Vicar, All Saints', Southport, diocese of Liverpool, to be also Priest-in-charge, Blowick area of the parish of All Souls', Southport, same diocese.

The Rev MP Chappell, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Stockton-on-Tees, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, St Luke, Scarborough, diocese of York.

The Rev KJ Cove, Vicar, Ambleside, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, Thames Ditton, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev BM Crowther-Alwyn, Rector, St John, Battleston and Priest-in-charge, St Serf, Shettleston, diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, to be Rector, The Bassingham Group, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev DC Davies, Vicar, St George's, Portsea, diocese of Portsmouth, to be whole-time Anglican Chaplain, Southmead Hospital, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev P H Dearden, Rector, St Peter's, Darwen with Hoddlesden, diocese of Blackburn, to be also Rural Dean of Darwen, same diocese.

The Rev M D Doe, Priest Missioner, Blackbird Leys, diocese of Oxford, to be also Rural Dean of Cowley, same diocese.

The Rev G A de Burgh-Thomas, Rector, Frimwell with Souldern and Ardley with Fewcott, diocese of Oxford, to be Rector, Hawridge with Cholesbury and St Leonard, and Vicar, Lee, same diocese.

The Rev D A Enzor, Rector, Claypole, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, Whaplode Drove and Gedney Hill, same diocese.

The Rev S C Everson, Curate, St Mary's Rotherhithe, diocese of Southwark, to be Parish Priest, St Agnes, Kennington, diocese of London.

The Rev J Glover, Rector, Churchill with Blakedown and Assistant Diocesan Education Officer, diocese of Worcester, to be Rector, Bellbroughton with Fairfield and Clent, same diocese.

The Rev G J Hansford, Curate, Shirley, diocese of Winchester, to be Rector, Weare Giffard with Landcross, Monkleigh and Littleham, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev K L Masters, Rector, Harting St Mary and St Gabriel, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar, Rustington St Peter and St Paul, same diocese.

The Rev L P R Meering, Curate, Crofton, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar, Witheridge, Thelbridge, Creacombe, Meshaw, and East and West Worlington, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev D J Osbourne, Vicar, Swinehead, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Holland West, same diocese.

The Rev D Ormston, Swindon Archdeaconry Youth Officer, diocese of Bristol, to be Rector, Brinkworth with Dauntsey and Chaplaincy Team Leader, New College, Swindon, same diocese.

The Rev A Ripley, Vicar, St Bridget's, Wavertree, diocese of Liverpool, to be Adviser in Lay Training, diocese of Bath and Wells.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR DOMINICA LEGGE

Eminent Anglo-Norman scholar

Professor Dominica Legge, Personal Professor of French (Anglo-Norman studies) at Edinburgh from 1968 to 1973, died on December 10, at the age of 81.

She was one of a generation of eminent scholars who devoted their lives to the analysis of the civilization established in England in the centuries immediately following the Norman conquest.

Mary Dominica Legge was born on March 26, 1905, and educated at Liverpool College, Huyton, and at Somerville College, Oxford.

After a distinguished undergraduate and postgraduate career, she took up an appointment in 1938 in the French department at Royal Holloway College.

She worked briefly at University College, Dundee, and as a voluntary civil servant with the Board of Trade before being appointed to Edinburgh in 1943. There she was made Reader in 1953 and given a personal chair in Anglo-Norman studies in 1968.

Dominica Legge combined the skills of the historian with those of the historical philologist and student of manners. Her major work, *Anglo-Norman Literature and its Background*, showed these gifts to perfection, as did also her study, *Anglo-Norman in the Cloisters*.

For generations of students she was an inspiration in finding a way to understand the medieval mind, in France as well as in England. By her colleagues and friends she was also appreciated for her ability to illustrate, on the viol, how medieval music might have sounded.

Her scholarship was recognized by election as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, as an honorary Fellow of Somerville College and by the award from the French government of the Palmes Académiques.

She was unmarried.

MR HENRY WINSTON

Mr Henry Winston, chairman of the Communist Party of the USA, and a campaigner on behalf of his fellow-blacks, died in Moscow on December 12, while on a visit for treatment of a brain tumour. He was 75.

Born into a family of Mississippi sharecroppers, he was active in the unemployed councils and in the Southern Negro Youth Congress during the Depression, before joining the Communist Party in 1933.

After war service with the US Army in Europe, he became organization secretary in 1947.

In the 1950s he was gaoled for eight years on charges of conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the US government.

In prison he went blind, which he always attributed to negligent medical treatment of an eye condition.

He became chairman of the party, which has fewer than 20,000 members, in 1966.

Among his books were *Strategy for a Black Agenda* and *Class, Race and Black Liberation*.

He leaves a widow, Fern, and a daughter.

MR WALTER HILL

Mr Walter Hill, secretary-general of the International Chamber of Commerce from 1957 to 1973, died on December 6. He was 82.

Educated at the London School of Economics, he joined *The Economist* in 1928, and later became the first director of its intelligence unit.

In 1946 he went to Washington to join the newly-created World Bank. Two years later he was posted to its Paris office where, until 1955, he was involved in the bank's financing of post-war reconstruction.

He became secretary-general of the ICC at a time when it was trying to shed its business-club image and develop a practical role in the business world.

Hill's most notable achievement was the creation in 1969 of the ICC-UN, GATT economic consultative committee.

CHRISTOPHER SYKES

John Amis writes:

Your obituary of Christopher Sykes (December 10) contains a serious error.

Certainly he put his knowledge of music to good use in acting as producer of the BBC series *The Birth of an Opera* but the programmes were not, as you state, entirely his own work.

The scripts and choice of music were the work of the late Hanns Hammelmann, whose idea originated the series, and his co-writer Michael Rose, who edited the music in particular.

After Christopher Sykes left the BBC the series continued with Hallam Tennyson as producer.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.J. Bailey
and Miss M.A. Allan
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs R. Bailey, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Mary Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Allan, of Edenbridge, Kent.

Mr D. St J. Brown
and Miss C. McGurn
The engagement is announced between David St John, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel D.A. Brown, retd, and Mrs Brown, of Durham, and Caron, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McGurn, of Kew Terrace, Glasgow.

Mr B.M.N. Clarke
and Miss C.E. Mauduit
The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.V.C. Clarke, of The Lodge, Colne Engaine, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Mauduit, of Seaton House, Ickham, Kent.

Mr C. Comninos
and Miss S.H. Turner Laing
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Comninos, of Chiswick, London, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr G. Turner Laing, of Brimpton, Berkshire, and Mrs M. Drummond, of Fawley, Hampshire.

Mr C.P.T. Day
and Miss S.N. Wright
The engagement is announced between Christopher Philip Terrett, eldest son of Mr D.H.T. Day, of Higham, Suffolk, and of Mrs Trenchard Day, of Moulton, Suffolk, and Sally Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.E. Wright, of Easterton, Wiltshire.

Mr R.D.E. Haines
and Miss M.C. Walker
The engagement is announced between Richard David Eliot, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.F.H. Haines, of Churt, Surrey, and Mary Cornwall, younger daughter of the Rev C.E.C. and Mrs Walker, of Great Amwell, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.M. Jones Warner
and Miss J.E. Esden
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs K.C. Jones, of Chingford, and Jane, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs R.M. Esden, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Kavanagh
and Miss L.C. Blemmer
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Kavanagh, of 29 Edwardes Square, Kensington, London, W8, and Lise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Niels Blemmer, of Moor Park, Middlesex.

Mr W.E. Kinder
and Miss C.M. Case
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs W.E. Kinder, of Pool Meadow, Gloucester, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.D. Case, of Sker Court, Porthcawl.

Mr R.W. Main
and Mlle S.A.A. Colin
The engagement is announced between Rupert William, elder son of Mr and Mrs K.R. Main, of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Sophie Anne Alice, only daughter of M and Mme R. Colin, of Mulhouse, France.

Mr B.K. Paul
and Miss C.A. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Bruce Kenneth, elder son of Commander K.G. Paul, OBE, and Mrs Paul, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Clare Amanda, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs A.J.J. Hawkins, of Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Mr C.W. Pillar
and Miss A.P. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Pillar, of Clare, Suffolk, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Fletcher, of Thornton, Cleveleys, Lancashire.

Mr T.R. Rosser
and Miss J.R. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Rosser, of The Ham, Wantage, Oxfordshire, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M. Thomas, of 5 Windlesham Court, Windlesham, Surrey, formerly of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Mr L.R. Wood
and Miss M.McL. Rabagliati
The engagement is announced between Larry, son of Dr and Mrs Darwin L. Wood, of Murray Hill, New Jersey, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Rabagliati, of Charlcutt, Wiltshire. The marriage will take place in Pennsylvania, on May 16.

Science report

The hidden oceans on Mars

By Keith Hindley

The surface of the planet Mars contains enough hidden moisture to form a planet-wide ocean half a mile deep, according to a new study of Mars by Dr Michael Carr, of the US Geological Survey at Menlo Park, California.

This startling idea of a water-rich Mars flies in the face of currently accepted wisdom, which pictures the Martian surface as a cold, dry, desert landscape swept with dust storms and with barely a trace of moisture.

To back up his ideas, Dr Carr cites evidence for vast stores of Martian water trapped within permanently frozen ground, particularly away from the feeble warmth of the Martian equator. Winding channels on Mars could only have been formed by running water and much of the terrain is "softened" like grated cheese melting on a pizza in the oven.

This rounded landscape is best explained, says Dr Carr, by ice making up a major portion of the ground materials, as are debris flows, criss-crossed channel networks and the appearance of closed depressions all over high latitudes.

Nowadays the martian atmosphere is so thin that free liquid water cannot exist anywhere for long because it quickly evaporates away. Even solid ice sublimes near the equator and only remains stable where daytime temperatures stay well below freezing point.

But this has not always been so; in past geological ages, the Martian atmosphere was much thicker and water could flow freely across the landscape.

In the earliest period of martian history, the meteorite impact rate was high and many large craters were formed. These impacts shattered the surface to great depths and smothered the planet with loosely compacted ice-rich materials holding vast quantities of water and capable of absorbing even more.

Dr Carr believes the planet's cratered uplands at latitudes greater than 30 degrees have retained this ice which still makes up perhaps a fifth of their bulk near the surface and down for perhaps two miles in depth.

The highlands near the equator have lost their water by seepage to form the water channels and by evaporation.

Much of the moisture that ran-off probably still exists either as ice in the planet's northern lowlands (where there are features reminiscent of terrestrial frozen ground) or on the deep floor of the great Helias basin in the southern hemisphere. Most of the evaporated water was redeposited on to the white martian polar caps which expand in winter with deposits of solid carbon dioxide from the air.

Dr Carr's modelling also suggests that large quantities of carbon dioxide and some nitrogen were fixed by geological processes. As a result carbonate and nitrate rocks should be found folded into the soils of the cratered highlands.

If water really is present in quantity on Mars it provides yet another necessity of life.

Source: *Icarus*, vol 68, page 187, 1986.

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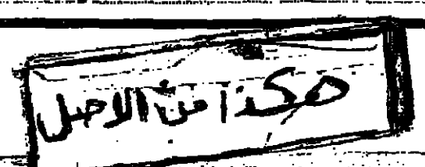

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there by any more pain . . .
Revelation 21 : 4

BIRTHS

BARNES - On December 12th, at Farnborough hospital, to Séan and Wendy, a daughter, Ashley.

BARRACLOUGH - On December 13th, to Julie and Andrew, twin sons.

BELLIS - On December 15th, in Edinburgh, to Brenda (née Mackay) and Rob, a daughter Clare Louise, sister for Ian.

BRIDGES - On December 13th 1986, at Homerton Hospital, to Susie (née Guggenheim) and Nick, a daughter, Alice Clementine.

BROWN - On December 14th, to David and Gilly (née Ferguson) a son, Thomas William.

BROWN - On December 1st, 1986, to Caroline (née Maltby) and Patrick, a son, Edward James Chevallier, brother for Tom and Pip.

BURBARD - On December 13th, at Kingston Hospital, to Susan (née McGurk) and Michael, a son Benedict.

CAMPBELL - On December 12th, to Annabel and Alastair, a son Nicholas.

CAMP - On December 13th, 1986, to Lynda and Brian, a son, David Edward.

CARDWELL - On December 14th, in Auckland, New Zealand, to Louise and Nicholas a son Thomas.

DINEEN - On December 9th, to Peter and Susan (née Stanley) a daughter Francesca, a sister for Miranda.

DRAKE - See Barraclough.

FARBER - On December 8th 1986, to Sara (née Thomas) and Martin, a son Benjamin Owen John, a brother for Oliver.

FISHER - On December 8th 1986, to Judith (née Walker) and Peter, a son Christopher James.

FRENCH - On November 18th, at Louise Margaret Hospital, to Patty (née Harper) and Christopher, a son Alexander Charles.

GILLEN - On December 10th, at St. Luke's, Guildford, to Fiona (née Moore) and Jonathan, a son Benjamin.

GREGORY - On December 9th 1986, to Ann and Bill, a daughter Susan Lesley.

HEATH - On December 14th, in Yeovil, to Laura (née Challis) and Janusz, a daughter Katarzyna Clare.

KIRBY - On December 8th, to Clare (née Moritz), and Stephen, a son Maximilian ('Max') Balsford.

LAMARQUE - On December 7th, in Hong Kong, to Emma (née Primrose) and William, a son, Victor George.

MACLEOD - On December 13th, to Emma (née Jacobs) and Stuart, a son Thomas Benjamin, a brother for Sadie.

MILNER-GULLAND on December 15th, at Cucksfield Hospital, to Anna (née Froud) and Nick, a son, Toby, a brother for Kate and James.

ROSENSTIEL - On December 10th, in Cambridge, to Joye (née Middleton) and Colin, a daughter Katharine Margaret.

ROUND-TURNER - On December 14th, in Brussels, to Belinda (née Greenley) and Nigel, a son.

ROWAN - On December 6th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Cathy and Charles a son, a brother for Nicholas.

WILLIS - On December 13th, 1986, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Ruth and Stephen, a son, James Anthony d'Angers.

WITHINGTON-WRAY - On November 28th 1986, to Deborah and Dennis, a daughter, Alexandra Denise.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

FLETCHER : JENKINS - On 16 December 1961 at St. Giles' Church, Oxford. Tony to Arlene. 3 The Glade, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 7LG.

DEATHS

ALLCOCK - On December 14th 1986, suddenly and peacefully at Russet Cottage, Corfe Castle, John Gladding Major (Jim), C.B., formerly Chief Inspector Ministry of Education, aged 81, beloved husband of Eileen, very dear father of John and Jenny, loving granfer of Fiona, Angus, Clare, Peter, Arabella and Oliver and much loved brother-in-law of Jack. Funeral family only. Memorial Service will be announced later.

AUGUST - On December 13th 1986, peacefully at home in Cheltenham, Major John Charles Wesley August, M.B.E. aged 82 years (late Welch Regt) husband of Barbara, father of Christopher, David, Graham and Adrian. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday December 19th at 2.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Selim Smith and CoCheltenham.

BELL - On December 13th 1986 peacefully in the Bath Clinic, Mary Emily, widow of Gerald Charles of 3 Clan House, Sydney Rd, Bath. Loved mother of Sally and dear grandmother of Caroline, Andrew, Victoria, Charles, and Edward. Funeral service St. Swithins Church, Compton Bassett, on Thursday December 18th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to The Bath Cancer Unit Support Fund, Royal United Hospital, Bath.

BLACKMAN - On December 12th, Lewis Blackman, at home, aged 82 years.

CARVER - On December 12th, peacefully at Newtown Hospital, Worcester, after a short illness, Phyllis, much loved mother of Bill and grandmother of William and Harry. Funeral service at Worcester Crematorium on December 18th at 11.30 am. Flowers to H W Taylor and Son, Funeral Directors, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcester.

CHAPMAN - On December 12th 1986, Margaret, at Forest Oaks Nursing Home, Brockenhurst. Beloved wife of the late Arthur William and dear sister. Aunt and great Aunt. Private funeral, family flowers only, no letters.

CHRISTIE - On December 12th 1986, peacefully at Bannockburn Hospital, George Christie aged 87 years, beloved husband of the late Jane Main Christie (née Gilchrist), dear father of Ian and Sheila and much loved grandfather of the family. Funeral service on Wednesday 17th December at Falkirk Crematorium arriving 11.30am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

CONERY - On December 11th 1986, Ronald Colin husband of Ann and father of Avril, Sebastian and Nicolas. Private funeral, no flowers but donations if desired to the Injured Jockeys Fund, Welwyn, Herts.

COX - On December 12th 1986, peacefully at Charing Cross Hospital, Barbara Dorothy (widow of Glyn). Muched loved mother of Roger, Graham and Peter and nana of George, Holly, Briony, Alexa, Garath and Matthew. Funeral service Monday December 22nd at 12 noon at Croydon Crematorium. Flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, C/o Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89 High Street, Croydon 01-688 5666.

CROSLAND - On December 13th, peacefully at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Pamela Joan only daughter of the late Brig. Harold Powell Crosland, CB, CBE, MC, TD, DL and the late Mrs Crosland and sister of the late Capt. Peter Harold Crosland. Funeral on Friday 19th December at 2.30pm at St. Paul's Highmoor. Family flowers only.

CROUCH - On December 10th 1986, suddenly at his home, Edward Charles Crouch beloved husband of Hetty and dearly loved father of Pat, Beryl, Sylvia, Valerie, Edward and Robert, also a muched loved grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 18th of December at 3pm. Flowers to Earl and Co., Albermarle Road, Ashford or donations to Ashford Parish Church.

DOWNES - On December 12th, suddenly at home, Sheilah Doreen Mary, of Browning Road, Fetcham, dearly beloved wife of George and mother of Julia, Frances, Giles and Nicholas. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham, on Friday December 19th at 12 noon. Followed by Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

GUNNELL - On December 14th 1986, Col. Basil Gunnell OBE, MC, late Royal Warwickshire Regiment, dearest husband of Gay, and loving father and grandfather. Cremation at Charing, Kent at 11.30 am Friday December 19th. No flowers please, but donations to The British Heart Foundation.

HADDOCK - On December 14th 1986 in hospital, Rosalie Helen (née Sinclair) of Hannaford Barnstaple, dear mother of Rogan, Janet and Biddy. Loved grandmother. Service at St James Church, Swimbridge, 1.15 pm, Wednesday December 17th followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

HOLE - On December 12th, at her home in Dorset, Joyce Margaret Hole widow of Tahu Ronald Hole. Funeral service will take place at 11.00am on Thursday December 18th, at the Church of St. Mary's, Iwerne Minster. No flowers, please.

HUNTER - On December 13th 1986, Marjory Anne Kate. Beloved second daughter of the late Michael and Margaret Hunter and dear sister of Michael, Betty and Lindsey. Funeral Michaelchurch Escley, Noon Thursday December 18th. Flowers to Dawe Bros., 115, Westfaling Street, Hereford, or donations if desired to St Michael's Church Fabric Fund.

KENION - On December 13th, John Hamer of Glebe House, Woodbridge. Loved by his family and friends. Funeral service at St. John's Church on Thursday December 18th at 11am. Donations may be sent to The League of Friends, Glebe House, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

KIRKWOOD - On December 13th 1986, Sybil Irene (Rene), wife of the late Dr. William Douglas Kirkwood, in her 96th year. A kind and generous friend to many. Funeral at St. Mark's Church, Peaslake, Thursday December 18th at 11.45am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Mark's Church, Peaslake.

LEGGE - On Wednesday December 10th, peacefully in Oxford, Professor Mary Dominica Legge, sister of Miss B.P. Harry and the late Miss C.M. Legge. A memorial service will be arranged.

LUMSDEN - On Friday December 12th, John, B.Sc., C.CHEM., M.R.S.C., F.ENG., M.I.M.M. Funeral Service at Truro Crematorium, Cornwall on December 18th at 10.20 am. Donations, in lieu of flowers, please to The Children in Need Appeal.

MAHONEY - On December 13th, at St Woolos Hospital, Sister Teresa Alphonse, of St Joseph's Convent, Llantarnam Abbey, Sister of St Joseph of Annecy. Rest in Peace. Funeral Tuesday 16th December. Requiem Mass, 3pm at Llantarnam Abbey Church, Cwmbran, Gwent, followed by interment.

MICHAEL - On December 12th, suddenly at his home, 28 Fields Road, Newport, Gwent, David Parry Martin Michael CBE, dear husband of Mary, father of Christopher and grandfather of Nicholas and David. Funeral Thursday, service at St Mark's Church, Newport at 2pm followed by cremation at Gwent Crematorium at 3pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to The Rev K Sharpe, St Mark's Vicarage, Newport, for the St Mark's Restoration Fund.

MISKIN - On December 11th, peacefully in Uckfield, Sussex, Elizabeth Esther (Betty), in her 93rd year. Widow of Geoffrey Miskin of Buxted, formerly widow of Edwin Pritchard of China and Hong Kong. Requiem Mass at St Philip's Roman Catholic church Uckfield, on Monday 22nd December at 11.30am followed by burial in St Margaret's church yard, Buxted park. Cut flowers if desired may be sent to Fuller and Scott Funeral Directors. The Wakelyns, Uckfield 3241.

MUSGRAVE - On December 12th, peacefully at home after a long illness, aged 87, Reginald, beloved husband of Betty and father of Mick, David and Julia. Funeral Service at Bunbury Church, December 16th, at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, but donations to Royal British Legion.

OLLEY On December 13th 1986, suddenly at home, Dennis, aged 58 years, recently of The Times, greatly missed by his family and all his friends Service on Friday 19th December 1 15 pm at St. Margaret's Church, Station Road, Edgware and burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery, Oxhey Lane Flowers to Sydney Hurry, 115 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.

PENNEY - On December 10th, peacefully in hospital, Phil aged 75, of 28 West Street, Stratford-upon-Avon Widow of Sidney, youngest sister of Marjorie and Francis and dear Mum of Chris and Ba.

SPENCE - On December 12th 1986, Joyce Coggin after almost 45 years of happy marriage to Colin Sinclair Spence, deceased on 22nd May 1986. Service at St Margaret's, Aislaby on 19th December at 10.45, followed by cremation at Woodlands, Scarborough. No Flowers.

TALBOT - On December 13th, Joan Dorothy, at the Friary, St. Cross, Winchester, aged 81, wife of the late Basil L. Talbot. Funeral service at St. Mary's Chapel, Chesil House, Winchester on Wednesday December 17th at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

TROTT - On December 12th, peacefully Arthur Leslie, aged 85 years, formerly of Plymouth, beloved husband of Constance. Funeral service, Woking Crematorium St. John's, Thursday December 18th at 11.30am. All enquiries Tel: 04862 61754.

WEBB - On December 14th, after a courageous fight against leukaemia in the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, John, deeply loved by his wife Jean, his children Margaret, Catherine, Clare, Barbara, Dominic and Stephen and his grandchildren Matthew, Robert, Karen, and Rebecca. Requiem Mass at 11am, Friday December 19th at St Marys, Surrenden Road, Brighton. Followed by private cremation, family flowers only, but if desired donations to, Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal or Save the Children Fund.

WILKINS - On December 12th, peacefully at her home in Wimbledon, Dorothy Winifred, widow of Herbert Frederick, a dearly loved sister, aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Funeral service at Christ Church, Copse Hill, SW20 at 2.45pm on Friday December 19th followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Flowers to F W Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, SW20.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

STUDD - Vanna Roberts. Monday December 22nd at 11.15 am at Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Bucks.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BELL - Deidre Elizabeth, latterly of 42 Watson Crescent, Edinburgh, suddenly in Cheshire. Memorial Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh on Friday 19th December at 1pm.

GRINHAM & CARVER - A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives and work of Canon Robert Grinham, O.B.E. and Maurice Fraser Carver will be held at noon on Saturday 10th January 1987 in the Chapel of Keble College, Oxford.

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WELLALIEU - Yvonne, aged 18, our adored and only daughter, tragically taken from us. 16th December 1980.

Archaeology

The Sumerian way of death

Archaeological work at the early Mesopotamian site of Abu Salabikh is reconstructing inner city conditions in 2500 BC. Although many Sumerian temples and some palaces have been excavated, the lifestyle of the Sumerian man in the street remains almost unknown.

Now, with the exposure of several acres on the surface of this one kilometre long mound, the plan of the city is gradually emerging, giving a plan with obvious similarities to the cities of medieval Islam and western Europe.

A city wall encloses tightly packed houses in rectangular blocks separated by a network of main and side streets. In the south-eastern quarter near the city, there lies an extensive complex of rooms arranged round courtyards, probably all belonging to a temple. It housed a large library and some administrative documents in early cuneiform, and was evidently a major administrative centre.

If one walked 50 yards up the street from here, one came on a large house which is being investigated in detail in an attempt to find our more about the private household. In recent years opinion has shifted from considering these early cities as theocracies, governed in an autocratic if benevolent way by the priesthood, to emphasizing the role of private property and households.

New evidence from this house illustrates the existence of a secular urban elite. Measuring 25 x 25 metres, it could have accommodated a substantial household, and cuneiform documents found in the house this year relate to the public administration of land, mentioning areas allocated to the king, to his family and to various officials including the land surveyor and even the policeman. Our house must have belonged to one such public official, although his precise title remains unknown.

As in the contemporary city of Shuruppak, officials must have conducted their government business from their family homes, for without the tablets the building would have differed only in size from an ordinary house.

In the nature of things the occupants have left little behind them at the successive rebuildings and relayings of the floors but fireplaces and ovens identify the domestic areas, and clean, thickly applied plaster the more formal rooms of the house, which doubtless served for the conduct of business. Ironically, though, after the inscriptions, it is the occupants' habit of burying their dead beneath the floors that tells us most about their lives.

In the latest surviving phase of the house at least six brick-lined tomb chambers were accommodated beneath the floors of the rooms. Earlier, it seems that the practice was rather less frequent, but made up in size for what it lacked in number: sunk neatly within the four walls of the open central courtyard of the house was a substantial hole, 2.50 metres deep, 5.30 metres in length and three metres wide.

The human skeleton and most of the contents had been robbed in antiquity, but on the floor of the pit at one end we found a cluster of high quality jewellery - ornaments in silver, copper, lapis lazuli, rock crystal and carnelian. One reason for its unusual size became clear when the western end was emptied, revealing the remains of at least two large animals of the horse family.

The Sumerians' practice of burying members of the family within the four walls of the house is already well known, but this is an extreme example. Consider the disruption to the household it must have occasioned: nearly 50 cubic metres of earth had to be excavated from within the central courtyard, which gave access to the different parts of the house.

Even had they wanted to, they could not have stored such a volume in the small surviving strips along each side of the grave shaft, and one can only suppose that the earth was carried outside the house altogether, perhaps stored in the street.

The scene becomes even stranger when one envisages the arrival of some of the occupants of the tomb: presumably the animals were brought through the door from the street and manoeuvred into the grave one by one. Where, how and at what stage in the proceedings they were actually killed is quite obscure. Once in the grave they were probaly hitched up to a chariot or whatever vehicle they were to tow.

No trace of any chariot or cart survived, but being made mainly of wood, leather and reed it would have decayed in the soil. We know from contemporary documents and from pictures on seal-stones and other works of art that the Sumerian war chariot was towed by two or even occasionally four animals of the horse family.

In the only other Abu Salabikh grave with draft animals there were at least two pairs of these animals, one pair entirely undisturbed, and it is difficult to see why they were included with the grave furnishings unless they were fulfilling their worldly function as draught animals.

No doubt this practice differs only in degree from the inclusion of a few simple pots in a small gave under the kitchen of an earlier house nearby; but it is ironic that one was found intact, whereas the rich man's bones and most of his ostentatious grave goods were dug up by robbers only a short while after the floor had been relaid over him.

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Nimrod backers change tack

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Prior has successfully put them in the Awacs camp."

Sources referred to Mr Prior's action as a disastrous publice relations exercise, particularly as the claims of bias and irresponsibility inside the Ministry of Defence came from a politician who was ousted from the Cabinet.

The view in Whitehall was that Mr Prior was bound to fail in his eleventh-hour appeal for a full independent inquiry because Mrs Thatcher had no intention of being pushed around by a former Cabinet member.

Last week, Mr Younger and other defence ministers spent over an hour with each of the doubting Cabinet ministers to convince them that Nimrod was not the answer to Britain's early warning requirements.

According to sources, the undecided ministers thought that it was a close race between Nimrod and Awacs but they were shown the figures which demonstrate that the American aircraft outshines the British one. Mr Prior's weekend attack finally converted them.

In his list of Nimrod failures, Mr Younger is expected to point out that the Awacs can fly at about 39,000ft, much higher than Nimrod.

The Risk Assessment Group in the Ministry of Defence, which consists of the best scientific and technological experts in this field in Britain, examined both options and unanimously favoured the Awacs. The ministry's Equipment Policy Committee met on December 4 and also recommended Awacs.

However, according to Whitehall sources, there was a possibility that despite the overwhelming technical evidence in its favour, the political decision could still have gone against Awacs, because of the emotive support for the British model.

One source added: "If there was any doubt before Mr Prior spoke up, there certainly isn't any more."

● Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, on a two-day visit to Sheffield, yesterday supported the call for an independent inquiry. "Buy British and not Boeing — if they both work", he said.

He said that the GEC Nimrod could have an advantage over the American rival because the GEC system used more modern technology, which "should give it an advantage over the already ageing Boeing system."

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Minister renews old school tie

Mr Kenneth Baker with Miss Kath Renn, his former form mistress at Holy Trinity Primary School in Southport yesterday.

By Ian Smith

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, played truant from the turmoil of the teachers' negotiating table yesterday to sit obediently behind a school desk and accept a report on his classroom behaviour.

At the age of seven the wartime evacuee was, according to school mistress Kath Renn, an excellent pupil who gave no hint of his rise to exalted political heights but even then showed great educational potential.

With unusual modesty, Mr Baker shuffled his feet as he stood in Holy Trinity Primary School between desks so worn they might well have survived the era when he was a pupil at the Southport resort school between 1940 and 1945, to hear the evaluation of his youthful ability.

Glancing at her schoolboy protégé with beaming benevolence Miss Renn, aged 69, spoke with nostalgia about the character-building dogma she instilled into an attentive pupil who has since become keeper of the nation's educational values.

Returning to Liverpool on one of the only occasions since he was first moved there as the son of a Civil Servant thought invaluable enough to be taken out of the London maelstrom, Mr Baker responded effusively, describing Miss Renn as an excellent teacher.

The only question-mark against the return visit was the admission by Mr Baker that whenever the air-raid siren sounded in Liverpool, a favourite war-time target for German bombers, he was ordered out to stand in the unsheltered school yard. Why? No doubt opposition teachers could offer an explanation.

Ostensibly Mr Baker's nostalgic return to Holy Trinity filled a gap in his timetable before he paid an official visit to Liverpool University to bestow government blessing on a gas turbine-driven pioneering scheme perfected by the university's science department. Before he left Holy Trinity — and faced a barrage of protest by demonstrators opposed to the imminent closure of Our Lady's Primary Church School in Lydiate, Liverpool, because of falling rolls — Mr Baker presented his former school with a cup to be presented annually for "progress in English" and a £100 cheque to finance additional prizes.

Mr Baker, right, in a school Empire Day parade in 1944.

Surinam receives aid from Gadaffi

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of Surinamese exiles and sending them back to fight the Bouterse Government but both committees adamantly ruled this out on the grounds that Surinam was not yet a serious threat to the region.

Since then the US has not focused on Surinam and while it may favour the current uprising there is no suggestion that it is in any way involved. Venezuela and Colombia have also refused to give aid to Surinam.

The Netherlands — which four years ago suspended a $1.5 billion aid programme, which amounted to $100 million a year or a quarter of the national budget — has been assured by Brazil that its assistance is limited. Nevertheless. The Hague has cautioned Brazil to be prudent in its arms dealings with the regime.

Brazil has supplied clothing, light equipment, automatic weapons and training both in Surinam and at its own academies.

Clearly the Netherlands fears that Brazilian weapons will be turned on the population of its former colony. Exiles in The Netherlands, who include several wealthy East Indians financing the rebellion, claim there have been mass killings of civilians by government troops during offensives in the country's rebel-dominated east. There have also been accusations of torture.

In October the Rotterdam newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* quoted Colonel Bouterse as saying that hand grenades were hurled from airplanes to drive out people with no business in the area. "Our patience is exhausted. We will shoot and flatten everything," he said.

In Paramaribo military activity has become intense. All day aged armoured transport trucks can be seen leaving a 17th century fort in the centre of the city, alongside the Surinam river, where Colonel Bouterse has his headquarters.

● WASHINGTON: The State Department said yesterday that it had no information on any Libyan agreement with Surinam (Michael Binyon writes). A spokesman said rumours of Libyan involvement had been around for some time and reports surfaced occasionally that Libya had strengthened its links with the country.

Frank Johnson at the Commons

Air ace homes in with new system

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence, yesterday called for an emergency debate so that the Opposition could protest against the Government's presumed decision in favour of the American-built Awacs (Airborne Warning and Control System). Mr McNamara's move was official confirmation that Labour had opted for the British-built Hovis (Hot-airborne Opportunistic Vote-inducing System).

Labour members get few chances to play the patriotic card these days, what with their defence policy and the appearance Mr Kinnock has given of being prepared to have friendly contacts with the leading Pommie-bashing power. So it would be churlish to begrudge them its use in the controversy about Nimrod and Awacs.

Labour's boffins had obviously studied all the data, carried out tests and decided to recommend to the party brass that Hovis was by far the best system for the party to adopt in its difficult search for vote-intensive issues at the next general election, as well as the cheapest.

Over the weekend, the conflict over Nimrod and Awacs seemed to reach some sort of a climax. So yesterday Hovis was given its first major trials by Labour's pilots in the Commons. Men such as genial, quietly professional, experienced hot-air ace Mr McNamara.

The proposed purchase by the RAF of an early-warning system was the largest contract in the field of high technology, electronics and avionics to be awarded during this Parliament, he told the House, in asking the Speaker to allow the emergency debate.

There followed much confident assertion of the superiority of British Nimrod to American Awacs. Here Mr McNamara understandably failed to discuss one consideration: the ease with which any Government which opts for an American product can be depicted by an Opposition as not protecting British jobs, British technology etc.

Mr McNamara smoothly ended his test flight with a demand that an emergency debate was also necessary because of the "implications for British industry and national pride". He was greeted with cheers by Labour backbenchers when he landed.

Mr McNamara sat back relaxed and pleased with its performance and anxious for another flight as soon as possible.

The Speaker declined Mr McNamara's request. That did not deter Mr Greville Janner, the Labour member for Leicester West, from similarly asking for an emergency debate on a related issue affecting votes in his constituency: the decision that the Harrier GR5 Mission Simulator should not be built in Britain. Unfortunately, Mr Janner pronounced it the Harrier GR5 Mission *Stimulator*.

This aroused additional interest among the more ribald backbenchers. A few Tory vulgarians cried "withdraw". Labour prepared to express the view that it would be the final blow to British industry and national pride if we were unable to produce our own stimulators. Tory dreamers looked forward to the day when a regenerated Britain would sell stimulators to Japan. But Mr Janner corrected it to Simulator and interest in his emergency debate rather died. At any rate, the Speaker declined it.

It had been reported that Labour leaders did not want the party thriller writer, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, to publish his latest just yet (all about MI5 bugging and burgling the then Mr Harold Wilson as Prime Minister).

The fear was that Mr Campbell-Savours might detract voters' attention from the Nimrod-Awacs affair, which may be less exciting but which is thought directly to involve jobs in many constituencies.

Mr Campbell-Savours seemed to have taken this as a challenge. Yesterday he secured a short debate in which he produced his latest plot. But it was rather like an Agatha Christie with the second half missing. There were endless characters and situations, but no development of the plot.

One of the new characters was a Mr Martin who was in MI5 and who had been mixed up with Mr Wright and who had been, at the relevant time, clerk to the Commons Agriculture Committee, which was rather a let-down. Mr Campbell-Savours could have made it a more glamorous committee. Was Mr Martin feeding stuff to the Russians as well?

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

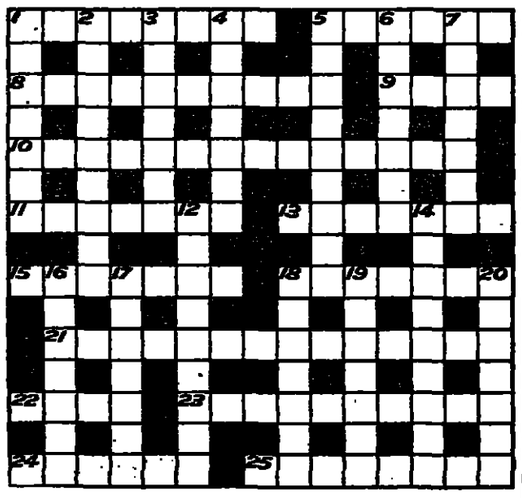
Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales visits Quantel Limited, 31 Turnpike Road, Newbury, Berkshire, 10.35; and Research Machines, Mill Street, Botley Road, Oxford, 12.30; later attends an English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society Concert at The Queen Elizabeth Hall, SE1, 7.35.

Princess Alexandra attends a concert being held in Westminster Abbey to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund, 7.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,230



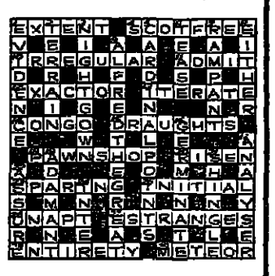
ACROSS

1 European wife preceding husband (8).
5 Provide inspiration for puzzle (6).
8 Fogeys have trouble with some canvas (6,4).
9 An extreme of nationalism is nothing unusual (4).
10 Guess it's no cooler at night (1,4,2,3,4).
11 Game couple (7).
13 Sign of renewed ill feeling (7).
15 Do this in panic, once defeated? (7).
18 Adorning one centrepiece after a month (7).
21 Bad rule — adds no end of resentment, perhaps (6,8).
22 It's found in S.E. Asia, also in other places (4).
23 Board's trickery (10).
24 Not even child can be such a favourite (4-2).
25 Is intoxicated with hearty over-excitement (8).

DOWN

1 Some of the French are unable to sing this way (7).
2 Light score (5,4).
3 Hard speech cut in Shakespearian part (7).
4 Lack never experienced by people here (7).
5 Darling nonetheless goes on ahead to pavilion (9).
6 State Helena is always in (7).
7 Fliers' short time in stormy skies (7).
12 Trader's centre on island (9).
14 Tommy King's warship (9).
16 Veteran replaced in New Deal (3,4).
17 Instruction in preparing menus (7).
18 Song about an old herbal remedy (7).
19 Argument against one match or another (7).
20 Got idea worked out in plant (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,229



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Music

Yuletide Concert by Lady Mary High School Concert Windband; St David's Hall, Cardiff; 1.05pm.

Christmas Concert by Consensus Vocalis; St Thomas More Church, Meeting Lane, Towcester; 8.

Christmas Concert by The Abbey Singers; Carlisle Cathedral; 7.30.

Orchestra of Welsh National Opera celebrate Beethoven's Birthday; St David's Hall, Cardiff; 7.30.

The Snowman by The Sinfonia Chorus; Leisure Centre, Gateshead; 7.30.

A celebration of Richard Dimbleby, the broadcaster, in words and music. Westminster Abbey, 7.

Carols by Salvation Army Band and Singers in the churchyard; St Mary le Bow Church, Cheapside, EC2; 12-2.

Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre; 7.30.

London Trombone Ensemble with music by Bach, Chopin, Falla and Dvorak; 5 St Martin's Place, WC2; 1.05pm.

Apollo Brass Quintet; The Foyer, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre; 12.30-2.

Sinfonia Medica; St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Rd, NW1; 8.

English Chamber Orchestra; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, EC2; 7.45.

Christmas Toccata: St Peter le Poer, Muswell Hill; 8.

Christmas Concert by London Brass; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre; 1.10.

The Diamond and the Goose, London Symphony Orchestra and John Dankworth; Barbican Centre; 7.15.

English Chamber Orchestra Closing Concert of Portugal 600 Festival; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre.

Messiah, The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra; St John's Smith Square, SW1; 7 (ends Dec 20).

Talks

Professor Andrew Duncan (Senior) 1744-1828 by Dr J T D Hall; Old Edinburgh Club, William Robertson Building (Room 8) George Square; 7.15.

General

Power And How To Get It by B H G Gromek, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow; 8.

Two Heroines, a lecture by Jane Davies and Jane Warrilow; Castle Museum, Nottingham; 1.

Dickensian Christmas Festival; Malton and Norton-on-Derwent, North Yorkshire; ends Dec 24.

Christmas post

Tomorrow is the latest recommended date for posting inland parcels and second class letters and cards in time for Christmas. For first class letters and cards the latest recommended date is Friday.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending December 7:

BBC 1

1. EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 23.55m
2. EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 22.40m
3. Just Good Friends 15.50m
4. 'allo 'allo 12.55m
5. Paul Daniels Magic Show 11.75m
6. Porridge (exc Scotland) 11.70m
7. Three Up, Two Down 11.30m
8. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 10.70m
9. Hi-de-hi 10.45m
10. Dallas 10.25m

ITV

1. Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.70m
2. Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.20m
3. The A-team ITV 13.85m
4. Second Worst Alright On the Night LWT 13.75m
5. Bullseye Central 13.50m
6. This Is Your Life Thames 12.95m
7. The Equalizer ITV 12.90m
8. London's Burning LWT 12.50m
9. Play Your Cards Right LWT 12.45m
10. Beadle's About LWT 12.35m

BBC2

1. Victoria Wood - As Seen On TV 7.30m
2. Nurses 6.40m
3. Cool It 5.45m
4. 7 Faces of Dr Lao 5.10m
5. Entertainment USA 4.60m
6. Just Another Day 4.60m
7. No Limits (Tues/Sun) 4.40m
8. Star Trek 4.10m
9. Bobby Dearfield 3.80m
10. The Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 3.60m

Channel 4

1. Brookside (Tues/Sat) 6.50m
2. Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.35m
3. Blood Red Roses 3.50m
4. Chance In A Million) 3.25m
5. Countdown (Wed) 3.15m
6. Countdown (Tues) 3.10m
7. Countdown (Fri) 3.10m
8. Golden Girls 3.10m
9. Countdown (Thurs) 3.05m
10. Countdown (Mon) 3.00

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.12
Austria Sch	21.20	20.00
Belgium Fr	63.10	59.50
Canada $	2.045	1.955
Denmark Kr	11.37	10.77
Finland Mkk	7.51	7.01
France Fr	9.82	9.32
Germany Dm	3.01	2.84
Greece Dr	235	215
Hong Kong $	11.45	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.05
Italy Lira	2090	1970
Japan Yen	245	232
Netherlands Gld	3.39	3.21
Norway Kr	11.31	10.71
Portugal Esc	226	211
South Africa Rd	4.0	3.4
Spain Pta	200.25	190.25
Sweden Kr	10.37	9.82
Switzerland Fr	2.535	2.395
USA $	1.495	1.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	830	730

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* Index closed down 0.1 at 1290.3.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 3) Order.

Lords (3.0): Fire Safety and ... of Sport Bill, ...

Roads

London and South-east: A217: Long delays, peak periods, near St Marks Road, Mitcham. A315: Single line traffic at North Road, Brentford. A305: Alternate line traffic between Briar and First Cross Roads, Twickenham, delays at peak periods.

The Midlands: M5: Lane restrictions between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove and M50). M54: Lane closures between junctions 2 and 6 (Wolverhampton and Wellington). A1: Delays northbound between Huntingdon and Peterborough.

Wales and the West: M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon West and Chippenham). M5: Lane closures junction 14 (Thornbury), northbound slip road closed. A48: Lane restrictions between Llandaff and Gabalfa, peak time delays.

The North: M6: Delays between junctions 29 and 32 (Preston and M55). A1: Delays at Boroughbridge, near Ripon. A57: Single lane between Irlam and Caddishead.

Scotland: M8: Eastbound lane closure between junctions 17 and 15 (Kelvinside and Townhead). A9: Contraflow at Findhorn Bridge till Friday. A94: Bypass building north of Forfar, delays.

Anniversaries

Births: Catherine of Aragon, first queen of Henry VIII, Alcala de Henares, 1485; Jane Austen, Steventon, 1775.

Deaths: Wilhelm Grimm, philologist and mythologist, Berlin, 1859; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, Algiers, 1921; Somerset Maugham, Cap Ferrat, 1965; Harold Holt, prime minister of Australia 1966-67, drowned Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, 1967.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

WEATHER

A very deep depression will move slowly E near southern Iceland. A rather cold westerly wind will bring a mixture of clear weather and showers to most regions. In southeastern parts of England only isolated showers are likely but in western and northern Britain and in Northern Ireland showers will be frequent. Some of the showers will be heavy with hail or sleet and in the north there may be snow showers, especially over hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain. Snow on northern hills. Rather cold.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.41	6.8	1.57	6.7
Aberdeen	1.04	3.9	1.21	4.1
Avonmouth	7.04	12.5	7.27	12.4
Belfast	10.58	3.4	11.16	3.1
Cardiff	6.49	11.6	7.12	11.5
Devonport	5.32	5.3	5.51	5.2
Dover	11.01	6.3	11.26	6.4
Falmouth	5.02	5.1	5.21	5.0
Glasgow	12.37	4.6	12.35	4.7
Harwich	11.50	3.8		
Holyhead	10.14	5.3	10.31	5.1
Hull	6.11	6.7	6.28	6.8
Ilfracombe	5.44	8.5	6.04	8.4
Leith	2.21	5.2	2.44	5.2
Liverpool	11.06	8.8	11.25	8.6
Lowestoft	9.25	2.3	9.41	2.4
Margate	11.56	4.6		
Milford Haven	6.08	6.5	6.28	6.4
Newquay	4.59	6.5	5.18	6.4
Oban	5.28	3.7	5.54	3.7
Penzance	4.29	5.4	4.47	5.3
Portland	6.42	2.0	7.09	1.9
Portsmouth	11.17	4.5	11.46	4.4
Shoreham	11.00	5.8	11.27	5.8
Southampton	10.45	4.3	11.12	4.2
Swansea	6.10	8.9	6.32	8.8
Tees	3.28	5.1	3.45	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	11.43	3.9		

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	3	37	sunny
Bridlington	4.8	-	4	39	sunny
Cromer	-	-	-	-	-
Lowestoft	2.6	-	4	39	sunny
Clacton	3.5	-	5	41	sunny
Southend	4.8	-	7	45	bright
Margate	-	.02	6	43	sunny
Folkestone	3.4	.38	6	43	sunny
Hastings	2.0	.39	6	43	sunny
Eastbourne	2.5	.39	5	41	sunny
Brighton	3.2	.29	5	41	sunny
Worthing	4.1	.28	7	45	bright
Littlehmptn	4.6	.26	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	5.0	.25	7	45	sunny
Southsea	5.5	.07	7	45	sunny
Sandown	5.6	.20	7	45	sunny
Shanklin	5.2	.28	7	45	sunny
Bournemth	5.5	-	7	45	sunny
Poole	6.4	.01	7	45	sunny
Swanage	6.4	.05	8	46	sunny
Weymouth	6.4	.02	9	48	sunny
Exmouth	4.3	.01	7	45	sunny
Teignmouth	4.8	.02	9	48	sunny
Torquay	4.7	.02	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	-	.05	9	48	bright
Penzance	1.8	.04	10	50	bright
Scilly Isles	1.0	.05	10	50	sunny
Jersey	5.7	.09	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	4.7	.53	10	50	sunny
Newquay	3.2	.19	10	50	bright
Ilfracombe	-	.16	7	45	shower
B'pool Airpt	3.3	.02	7	45	bright
Morecambe	4.1	-	4	39	bright
Douglas	5.6	-	6	43	sunny
B'ham Airpt	6.5	-	5	41	sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	7.2	.03	8	46	sunny
Carlisle	2.9	-	3	37	bright
London	5.0	-	8	46	sunny
Manchester	4.7	-	5	41	snow
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.3	-	4	39	sunny
Nottingham	6.0	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	5.1	.02	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	6.0	.20	7	45	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	5.1	.04	7	45	sunny
Aberdeen	5.4	-	3	37	sunny
Edinburgh	5.5	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	-	1	30	fog
Glasgow	4.0	.02	3	37	hail
Kinloss	4.3	-	3	37	sunny
Lerwick	0.6	.08	4	39	shower
Prestwick	2.8	.07	5	41	sunny
Stornoway	4.2	.01	5	41	sunny
Tiree	3.2	.09	7	45	shower
Wick	4.2	-	2	36	bright
Belfast	-	-	3	37	fog

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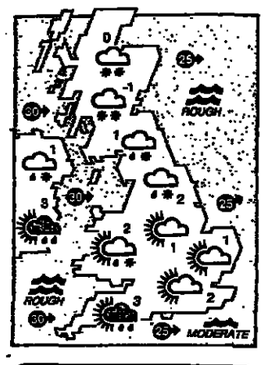

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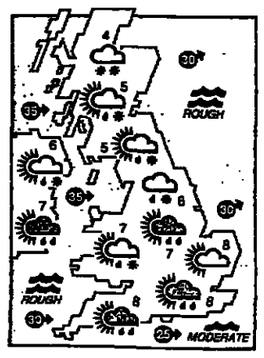

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.31 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.41 am
Edinburgh 4.06 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.50 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.46 am

Sun rises: 8.00 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon sets 8.45 am
Moon rises 3.24 pm
Full moon 7.04 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	5	41	Guernsey	r	11	52
B'mingham	r	10	50	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	f	5	46	Jersey	r	10	50
Bristol	r	9	48	London	r	8	46
Cardiff	c	9	48	M'chester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	6	43
Glasgow	r	5	41	R'nldsway	f	8	46

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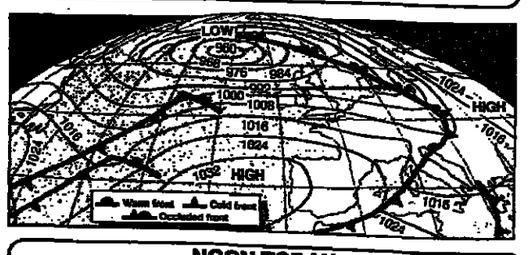

NOON TODAY

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	16	61	Cologne	c	3	37
Akrotiri	s	18	64	C'phagen	c	5	41
Alex'dria	f	17	63	Corfu			
Algiers	c	13	55	Dublin	c	7	45
Amst'dam	c	2	36	Dubrovnik	r	12	54
Athens	s	16	64	Faro	c	16	61
Bahrain	s	21	70	Florence	c	10	50
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	c	3	37
Barcelona	s	11	52	Funchal	f	20	68
Beirut				Geneva	s	5	41
Belgrade	f	10	50	Gibraltar	f	17	63
Berlin	c	2	36	Helsinki	sn	14	7
Bermuda*	c	17	63	Hong K	s	21	70
Biarritz				Innsbruck	f	0	32
Bordeaux	c	8	46	Istanbul	s	13	55
Boul'ne				Jeddah	s	27	81
Brussels	c	4	39	Jo'burg*	s	24	75
Budapst	h	-3	27	Karachi	s	19	66
B Aires*	s	28	84	L Palmas	c	20	68
Cairo	T	19	66	Lisbon	c	17	63
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	s	11	52
C'blanca	c	18	64	L Angels*	f	15	59
Chicago*	s	5	41	Luxembg	c	0	32
Cr'church	s	27	81	Madrid	s	6	43

		C	F
Rome	r	15	59
Salzburg	f	1	34
S P'loco*	c	8	46
Santiago*	s	27	81
S Paulo*	t	26	79
Seoul	s	7	45
Sing'por			
St'kholm	c	-5	23
Strasb'rg	s	5	41
Sydney	s	21	70
Tangier	r	17	63
Tel Aviv	c	18	64
Tenerife	s	22	72
Tokyo	r	8	46
Toronto*	f	0	32
Tunis	f	15	59
Valencia	s	16	61
Vanc'ver*	r	7	45
Venice	c	7	45
Vienna	sn	-2	28
Warsaw	c	2	36
Wash'ton*	s	2	36
Wel'ton	s	19	66
Zurich	s	3	37

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STOCK MARKET

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FT-SE 100
1637.0 (+7.2)

Bargains
29852 (30340)

USM (Datastream)
129.64 (+0.2)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4325 (+0.0040)

W German mark
2.8858 (+0.0045)

Trade-weighted
68.8 (+0.1)

US banks in $75bn merger

New York Reuter – Texas Commerce Bancshares is to merge with Chemical New York Corporation – creating the fifth largest US bank, with assets of $75 billion (£52 billion).

Morgan Stanley, the investment adviser, valued the deal at $1.19 billion, one of the largest interstate banking deals ever. This merger is the first since the change of state laws this year allowing out-of-state banks to acquire Texas banks.

Texas Commerce is the fourth largest Texas bank and operates 70 banks in the state. Under Texas law, each bank office operates as a separate entity.

Carlton to raise £40m

Carlton Communications, the fast growing television services and satellite broadcasting company, is to make an offering of its ordinary shares in the United States in the region of £30million-£40 million, equivalent to around 13 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

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ECC jumps

English China Clays made £90.4 million pretax profits in the year to the end of September, compared with £74.6 million last year, on turnover down 4 per cent to £688.6 million. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 28.44p. A dividend of 8.25p was recommended, making a total of 12.5p for the year.

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Hoskyns debut

Hoskyns Group, the computer services company, is seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange with a 25 per cent placing of its shares by J Henry Schroder Wagg. The company is valued at £46.8 million at the placing price of 128p. The shares will yield 1.8 per cent gross. Dealings start on Friday.

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BCA sell-off

British Car Auction Group has agreed to sell All-State Vehicles, its American vehicle leasing business, to Mr R E Kelly, the All-State president, for about $15 million (£10.5 million.

Ward near

Ward White, the retail group locked in a £173 million takeover bid for LCP Holdings, is close to controlling 43 per cent of the company after further stock market purchases.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1896.37 (–15.89)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 18788.94 (–41.70)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2449.43 (–13.80)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 284.0 (–2.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1438.1 (+0.4)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2033.6 (–17.5)
Brussels:
General ..... 4049.96 (–18.61)
Paris: CAC ..... 414.3 (+1.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 554.20 (–7.5)
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 82.39 (+0.15)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11\frac{5}{16}$-$11\frac{1}{4}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10\frac{23}{32}$-$11\frac{1}{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds $6\frac{9}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.50-5.48%*
30-year bonds $100\frac{13}{16}$-100⅜*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4325	$: £1.4322*
£: DM2.8858	$: DM2.0190*
£: SwFr2.4338	$: SwFr1.7032*
£: FFr9.4545	$: FFr6.6155*
£: Yen233.64	$: Yen163.25*
£: Index:68.8	$: Index:111.0
ECU £0.721598	SDR £0.840505

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Unread	92p (+16p)
APV Holdings	595p (+9p)
United Scientific	157p (+9p)
Godfrey Davis	125p (+8p)
Squirrell Horn	88p (+11p)
De La Rue	374p (+9p)
Gus 'A'	1038p (+21p)
BP	704p (+16p)
Carlton Com.	1035p (+45p)
London & Cont	120p (+10p)
Peel Holdings	525p (+15p)
Jantar	55p (+12p)
Mountleigh	1140p (+45p)
Woolworth	673p (+18p)
Steetley	460p (+9p)

FALLS:

Nottingham Brick	287p (–20p)
Lex Service	295p (–9p)
Unilever	2173p (–17p)
Speyhawk	375p (–10p)
Craton Lodge	88p (–12p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $394.60 pm-$394.30
close $394.00-394.50 (£274.75-275.25)
New York:
Comex $393.70-394.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm$16.10bbl ($15.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

High street sales climb 2.4%

Dramatic rise in spending

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street spending boom moved up a gear last month with a sharp 2.4 per cent increase in the volume of retail sales which are now on course for their strongest rise since 1978.

In the first 11 months of the year, sales volume was 5 per cent up on last year. The index of sales volume last month, 126.1 (1980 = 100), compared with 123.2 in October, and was 7.2 per cent up on a year earlier.

But British industry has not been enjoying the full fruits of this spending boom, despite tentative signs of recovery. The official Treasury forecast is for no rise in manufacturing output this year. Industrial production figures for October are due to be published today.

The volume of sales had shown no increase in October and most analysts had expected only a small rise last month.

Christmas shopping clearly played an important part in last month's spending, although much of this should be picked up in the seasonal adjustments applied to the figures. A similar jump in spending in November last year suggests that the adjustments are not sufficient for what may be a greater concentration of spending in the pre-Christmas period.

Mr Richard Weir, acting director general of the Retail Consortium, said : "There is no doubt that retail volume is buoyant but the experience of our members does not quite match the official figures."

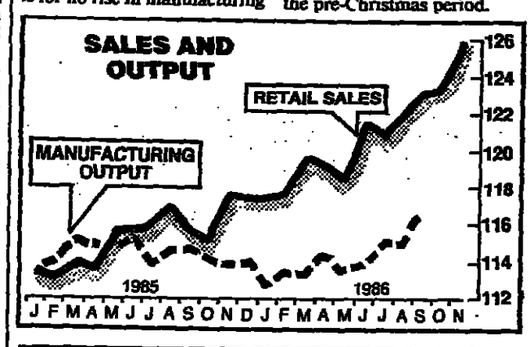
Spending on consumer durables and Christmas gifts is very strong, Mr Weir said, but sales of clothing have been slower than retailers hoped.

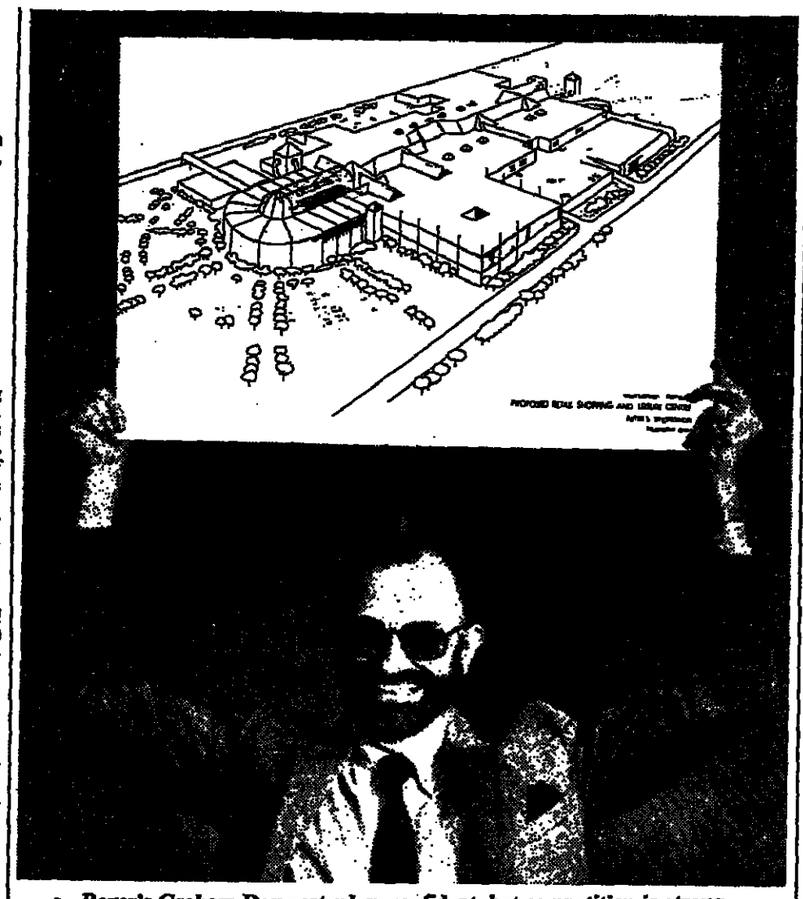
Spending by value totalled £8.17 billion last month, 10 per cent up on the corresponding month of last year. Spending was equivalent to £2.04 billion a week, compared with £1.85 billion in October.

In the first 11 months of the year, sales value was 8 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last year.

Retailers have reported record sales so far in December. The John Lewis Partnership said that department store sales in the first week exceeded last year's peak, achieved later in the month, by a wide margin.

The 2.4 per cent jump in retail sales last month happened in spite of the fact that many people were faced with a higher mortgage rate





Rover's Graham Day yesterday: confident, but competition is strong

Competition for Rover's Scottish development

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Rover's £100 million development plan, announced yesterday, for a massive shopping centre development at its redundant Bathgate truck plant site in central Scotland faces a number of serious hurdles before it becomes reality.

The one million sq ft development is only one of a number of similar planning applications in the Glasgow-Edinburgh central Scotland corridor.

A leading developer of large retail sites of this type is said to have turned down the site at Bathgate for such development.

Rover's plan is only one of a clutch of recent planning applications for large retail-based centres in this part of Scotland. Some are already at appeal.

And it is bound to leave a question mark over how far Rover, which has still to find a developer as a partner, will be successful in its planning application which went in to West Lothian District Council yesterday.

The Rover move was announced yesterday by Mr Graham Day, the chairman, who said: "We were faced with the option of simply doing nothing and waiting for a developer to come along with a project or coming up with our own idea. The site is costing us money and is not producing revenue."

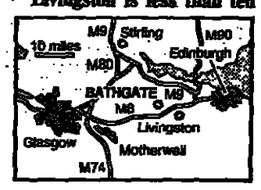
A company spokesman added: "We are aware of the other planning applications but feel that ours differs because it offers considerable leisure facilities."

Rover is looking to a developer partner to put together an investment package for the project.

Mr John Hall, of Cameron Hall which developed the Gateshead Metro Centre, is said to have withdrawn from negotiations for a smaller version of the Gateshead project at the Rover site.

This was after outline planning permission was secured by Heron Corporation in the summer for a 400,000 sq ft extension to the Almondvale Centre in central Livingston, bringing this retail complex up to about 750,000 sq ft.

Livingston is less than ten miles from Bathgate where Cameron Hall had been considering a centre of about 400,000 sq ft.



There is already an application for a Whitrigg site at Bathgate an application in for a retailing centre of close on 1 million sq ft. Other plans in the Edinburgh-Glasgow corridor in which Bathgate is located include a South Gyle, Edinburgh, development (400,000 sq ft with Marks and Spencer and Asda, the superstores chain, involved) and one at Hermiston Gait, Edinburgh (a 400,000 sq ft regional centre proposed by Miller Developments).

There are tandem proposals and some have gone to appeal.

At the Glasgow end of the corridor a £175 million plan for one million sq ft of retail and leisure development at Motherwell has been turned down, the site being in green belt land.

Highland Developments, the proposer of this regional centre, is expected to appeal.

The bigger schemes on the scale proposed by Rover would rely on bringing in custom from a wide area ranging from Glasgow and Edinburgh to Stirling, all well connected by motorways.

Ruling by court on bank capital

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Banks and other public, limited companies are allowed to hold their capital in a mixture of foreign currencies, according to an important High Court ruling yesterday. It means that companies will be able to structure their capital to reduce their exposure to currency fluctuations.

The ruling is thought to be the first of it kind in a western industrialized country and will considerably enhance the attractions of London as a financial centre.

In response to a petition by Scandinavian Bank, the London-based institution owned by five of the largest Scandinavian banks, Mr Justice Harman decided that companies were entitled to hold their capital in currencies other than sterling. However, public, limited companies had to maintain a minimum of £50,000 within their overall capital to comply with Companies Act requirements.

Scandinavian Bank, which first started working on the possibility of a multi-currency capital base five years ago, aims to carry out the conversion by the new year. It will hold 50 per cent of its capital in dollars, 20 per cent in sterling, 15 per cent in marks and 15 per cent in Swiss francs to match the currency spread of its assets.

The move has been approved by the Bank of England and the Inland Revenue and all relevant government departments, including the Treasury.

Mr Garrett Bouton, the bank's chief executive, said that sterling depreciation had forced the bank to raise £30 million in new capital since 1981 to maintain regulatory ratios. If it had been able to hold its capital in several currencies during that period, it would not have had to raise any new capital and profits would not have materially suffered.

He said that other banks and multi-national companies with large foreign currency exposure were now certain to be interested in restructuring their capital. Scandinavian Bank had already been approached for advice by four London-registered banks and it was sending out letters to 5,000 customers and contacts explaining the significance of the move.

Talks ended

The Steetley board has ended discussions on an offer for Nottingham Brick after a sharp rise in the Nottingham share price.

Capital tunes in to £1.7m profits

By John Bell, City Editor

Capital Radio, which is seeking a full Stock Exchange listing early in the New Year, raised pretax profits by 82 per cent to £1.7 million in the year ended last September.

Capital, which claims to be Britain's biggest independent radio station, enjoyed an "excellent" year, according to chairman Sir Richard Attenborough.

The main factors behind the profits rise were internal economies, a 10 per cent growth in advertising revenue, and a reduction in the Exchequer Levy.

Before deductions of £2.1 million for IBA rental and Exchequer Levy, trading profit was £3.6 million compared with £2.8 million previously, on turnover of £18.5 million. After tax profits were £1 million, against £449,000.

Sir Richard said that advertising revenue continued its upturn strongly through the year, reinforced by energetic sales and marketing and a new rate card.

"We look forward to Capital Radio being listed on the Stock Exchange in the early part of 1987. It is a development which should bring about a widening of ownership and enable us to be ready to take advantage of future opportunities," said Sir Richard.

US output up

US industrial production rose 0.6 per cent in November – 0.8 per cent up on a year ago – after a revised 0.1 per cent increase in October, the Federal Reserve Board said.

Cannon in debts deal with Bond

By Colin Narbrough

Cannon Group, the Israeli-owned film makers and distributors, yesterday announced an agreement with the Bond Corporation of Australia over debts incurred when Cannon acquired the British cinema chain Screen Entertainment from Bond this year.

The accord came only hours before a key payment deadline and after suggestions that Cannon, which controls about 40 per cent of Britain's cinemas, might be forced into US debt proceedings if it was unable to meet the original payments schedule.

A statement said the agreement "in principle" reached in New York between Cannon Group Incorporated and Bond Corporation Holdings called for the payment of £53·3 million and conversion of a $30.6 million (£21.1 million) balance into four-year senior subordinated notes on Friday, initially extending the maturity of outstanding debts to that date.

Cannon granted Bond 500,000 warrants to purchase Cannon common stock at $16 per share.

This compared with lows of about $10. The warrants open the way for Bond to gain a stake of more than 5 per cent in Cannon.

If initial payment is made on Friday, Bond will grant Cannon video and theatrical rights in Australia. Bond hived off these rights when it purchased Screen Entertainment from Thorn EMI.

Asked what was expected if Cannon failed to meet the Friday deadline, a Bond spokesman said his company "continued to be confident" about receiving full payment.

An inquiry by American regulatory authorities into the Cannon's accounting policies in depressed its New York quoted shares leaving analysts uncertain about the value of its assets.

£8m Irish buy in US

Cement-Roadstone Holdings, the largest industrial company in Ireland, continued its policy of international expansion yesterday by spending $11.65 million (£8.1 million) on strategic shareholdings in two well-placed building materials operations in the US.

CRH is paying $6.25 million million for 50 per cent of Boorham-Fields an aggregates business operating in Texas and Oklahoma and $5.4 million for 50 per cent of Faulkner Concrete Pipe Company.

Both businesses will continue to be managed by their previous owners. After five years, however, Cement Roadstone has the option to buy

YTV outstrips its profits forcast

By Alison Eadie

Yorkshire Television, whose offer for sale last August was 51 times oversubscribed, beat its forecast of £8.25 million pretax profit by achieving profits of £8.93 million in the year to the end of September.

The Exchequer levy cost £3.37 million. Profits in 1984-85, which were unaffected by the levy, were £3.58 million.

Yorkshire's share of net advertising rose from 8.9 per cent at the start of the year to 9 per cent at the end and has now moved up to 9.1 per cent. The company says it is bucking the trend of advertising revenue drifting from the north to the south.

Exports held up at 1985 levels despite cutbacks on programme production. Yorkshire sold 650 hours of television to 75 countries.

This year the catalogue has been expanded through renewed production and demand for programmes, particularly from the USA, has continued strongly.

Yorkshire did not join any of the consortia bidding for the Direct Broadcasting by Satellite contract awarded by the Independent Broadcasting Authority last week.

Risk of using a licensed dealer

Sid not expected to sell out

By Richard Lander and Peter Gartland

Millions of private applicants for the British Gas share flotation should receive their letters of allocation today, although City analysts believe that any wave of selling by "Sids" will be smaller and gentler than first thought.

Far from wilting yesterday at the prospect of an army of Sids bearing down on their stockbrokers and bankers, British Gas shares firmed 1½p to 64½p – 29 per cent above their 50p partly-paid flotation price.

Volume continued to be very heavy with 164 million shares changing hands.

The shares' premium, although healthy, is well below the early stagging profits experienced with the TSB and British Telecom flotations, giving private shareholders less incentive to sell out immediately.

It also appears that many investors have become more sophisticated since the BT float and probably understand better the benefits from waiting for the bill vouchers to be sent out next year.

– "I think the Sids are going to be more canny than the market thinks," said Ms Sue Graham, energy analyst at Merrill Lynch. "They should beware of the institutions out to rattle them and get them to sell their shares cheaply."

Indeed, one analyst said some institutions had sold British Gas short last week in the hope of buying the shares back at lower prices after the allocation letters went out.

This scramble to cover short positions, along with purchases by other institutions at home and abroad seeking British Gas for their long-term portfolios, should help to underpin demand and absorb any selling that does come from individuals.

Most private investors who wanted to sell their British Gas shares before receiving their allocation letters had no alternative but to sell through a licensed dealer.

But, apart from losing out in terms of price, selling through a licensed dealer carries the risk of having one's name put on a mailing list, and therefore receiving unsolicited invitations to invest in speculative, little-known companies.

Now, armed with their allocation letters, investors will almost certainly be quoted a better price from one of the four brokers to the issue

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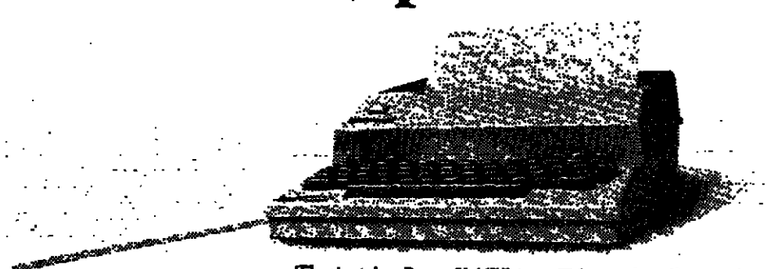

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Amax Inc	12%	12%
Am'rda Hs	23%	22%
Am Brands	45	44%
Am Can	86%	86%
Am Cynm'd	80%	81%
Am El Pwr	28%	28%
Am Express	58	59
Am Home	79	79
Am Motors	3	3
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Amoco	67	64%
Armco Steel	5	5%
Asarco	14	14%
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Avon Prods	30%	30%
Bkrs Tst NY	48%	48%
Bankamer	15%	15
Bk of Bston	41%	41%
Bank of NY	40%	40%
Beth Steel	4%	4%
Boeing	51%	51%
Bse Cascde	60%	61%
Brden	47%	48%
Bg Warner	39%	38%
Brist Myers	80%	81
BP	40	39%
Burl'ton Ind	40%	40%
Burl'ton Ntn	58%	59%
Brunswick	32%	33
Cmpbell Sp	59%	59%
Can Pacific	12%	12%
Caterpiller	39%	39%
Celanese	240%	241%
Central SW	35	35%
Champion	31%	31%
Chase Man	36%	36%
Chm Bk NY	44%	45
Chevron	48%	47
Chrysler	39%	38%
Citicorp	53%	53%
Clark Equip	20%	20%
Coca Cola	37%	38%
Colgate	42%	42%
CBS	131%	131%
C'mbia Gas	44%	44%
Cmb'tn Eng	32	31%
Comwlth Ed	33%	33%
Cons Edis	47%	48%
Cn Nat Gas	33%	34
Cons Power	16%	16%
Cntrl Data	26%	26%
Corning Gl	55%	56%
CPC Intl	77%	77%
Crane	34%	34%
Curtiss Wrt	53%	53%
Data Genl.	31%	32%
Deere	23%	23%
Delta Air	49%	49%
Detroit Ed	17%	17%
Digital Eq	106%	107%
Disney	45%	45%
Dow Chem	60%	59%
Dresser Ind	19%	19%
Duke Power	47%	48%
Du Pont	86%	87%
Estm Kodak	68%	68%
Eaton Corp	76	74%
Emerson El	87%	88%
Emery Air	12%	12%
Exxon Corp	71%	69%
Fed Dpt Sts	85%	86%

	Dec 12	Dec 11
Firestone	27%	27%
Fst Chicago	31%	31%
Fst Int Bncp	54%	54%
Fst Penn C	9%	9
Ford	56%	56%
FT Wachva	38%	38%
GAF Corp	39%	40%
GTE Corp	59%	59
Gen Corp	80%	81
Gen Dy'mcs	72%	72%
Gen Electric	84%	85%
Gen Inst	18%	18%
Gen Mills	41%	41%
Gen Motors	69%	70
Gn Pb Ut ny	23%	23%
Genesco	3%	3%
Georgia Pac	38%	38%
Gillete	48%	49
Goodrich	45	44%
Goodyear	42%	43
Gould Inc	18%	18%
Grace	51%	52%
Gt Atl & Tac	23%	23%
Gr'hnd	32%	32%
Grumen Cor	26%	26%
Gulf & West	66%	67%
Heinz H.J.	41%	42%
Hercules	55%	55%
H'lett-Pkrd	42%	43%
Honeywell	64%	65%
IC Inds	24%	24%
Ingersoll	56%	56
Inland Steel	18%	18%
IBM	126%	128
INCO	12	12
Int Paper	75%	76%
Int Tel Tel	53%	53%
Irving Bank	50	50%
Jhnsn & Jhn	68%	70%
Kaiser Alum	13	13%
Kerr McGee	29%	29%
Kmb'ly Clrk	83%	84%
K Mart	47%	46%
Kroger	30%	30%
L.T.V. Corp	1%	1%
Litton	78%	78
Lockheed	50%	50%
Lucky Strs	30%	30%
Man H'nver	47%	47%
Manville Cp	2%	2%
Mapco	61%	61
Marine Mid	46%	45%
Mrt Marietta	39%	40
Masco	27%	28%
McDonalds	62%	63%
McDonnell	73%	73%
Mead	55%	56%
Merck	112	113%
Minsta Mng	114%	114%
Mobil Oil	40	39
Monsanto	77%	78
Morgan J.P.	87%	87%
Motorola	36%	37
NCR Corp	48%	48%
NL Indstrs	5%	5%
Nat Distrs	46%	46%
Nat Med Ent	23%	24%
Nat Smcndt	10%	11
Norfolk Sth	85%	85
NW Bancrp	38%	38%
Occidnt Pet	28	27%
Ogden	44%	44%
Olin Corp	41%	43
Owens-Ill	50%	50%
Pac Gas El	24%	24%
Pan Am	5	4%
Penney J.C.	76%	76%
Pennzoil	69%	67%
Pepsico	26%	26%

	Dec 12	Dec 11
Pfizer	61	62
Phelps Dge	21%	21%
Philip Mrs	74%	75%
Phillips Pet	11%	10%
Polaroid	68%	68%
PPG Ind	73%	74%
Prctr Gmbl	77%	78%
Pb S E & G	41%	41
Raytheon	68%	67%
Rynlds Met	41%	41%
Rockwell Int	45%	45
Royal Dutch	92%	92%
Sara Lee	69%	70
SFE Sopac	30%	31%
Schl'berger	33%	32%
Scott Paper	63	63%
Seagram	61%	62%
Sears Rbck	41%	41%
Shell Trans	54%	54%
Singer	39%	39%
Smtnkln Bk	89%	90%
Sony	21%	21%
Sth Cal Ed	35%	35%
S'Wstn Bell	112	112%
Std Oil	49%	48%
Sterling Drg	46%	47
Stevens JP	38%	38%
Sun Comp	56%	55%
Teledyne	308%	310
Tenneco	37%	37%
Texaco	34%	33%
Texas E Cor	29%	29%
Texas Inst	122	122%
Texas Utils	32%	32%
Textron	65%	65%
Travlrs Cor	44%	44%
TRW Inc	93	93%
UAL Inc	58	59
Unilever NV	229%	229
Unisys	82%	81%
Un Carbide	22%	22%
Un Pac Cor	63%	63%
Utd Brands	32%	32%
USG Corp	40	40
Utd Technol	46%	47%
USX Corp	21%	21%
Unocal	26%	25%
Jim Walter	49	49
Wrner Lmbt	57%	57%
Wells Fargo	104%	104%
W'sghse El	59%	59%
Weyerh'ser	39%	39%
Whirlpool	69%	70%
Woolworth	41	41%
Xerox Corp	60%	61%
Zenith	20%	21

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 12	Dec 11
Agnco Eag	26%	26%
Alcn Alum	38%	38%
Algoma Stl	11	11
Can Pacific	17%	17
Cominco	13	13%
Con Bathrst	29%	29
Hkr/Sld Can	25%	25%
Hdsn B Mln	23%	22%
Imasco	32%	32%
Imperial Oil	49	48%
In Pipe	38%	39%
Ryl Trustco	30%	30%
Seagram	85	85%
Steel Co	18%	18%
Thmsn N 'A'	31%	30%
Varity Corp	2.55	2.61
WCT	12%	12%
Weston	31%	31%

WALL STREET

Dow loses ground at start

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares continued to lose ground in early trading yesterday because of a weak bond market and arbitrage-related selling.

A slightly larger-than-expected rise in last month's industrial production – of 0.6 per cent – also hit trading because it blunted optimism about interest rate cuts.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.20 points at 1,898.06. Declining issues led shares by a three to one margin on a volume of 36 million shares.

Texas Commerce, which has agreed to merge with Chemical, rose ⅞ to 27¾. Texas American rose 1⅛ to 16¼ in sympathy, traders said.

AT&T was up ⅛ to 26¼, Baxter was up ¼ at 20¼, Interfirst was unchanged at 5, American Electric was down ⅜ at 28 and USX was down ⅛ at 21.

IBM was down ½ at 126 and Freep Energy was down ¼ at 14¾.

The transportation average was down 9.94 points at 824.83, utilities were down 1.50 at 208.14 and stocks, at 743.03, were down 6.51 points.

Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's 100 index was down 1.74 at 233.66. The S and P composite was down 2.20 at 245.25.

Legal action to be taken by JFB against auditors

By John Bell,
City Editor

Engineering group Johnson & Firth Brown is taking legal action against the former auditors of its subsidiary, Gills Pressure Castings, which recorded losses of £1.7 million last year.

In June, JFB claimed that "serious financial discrepancies" had emerged at Gills and that "financial information had been falsified over a number of years undetected by audit procedures."

At that time, the board said that the irregularities at Gill involved consistent over-invoicing and over-valuation of stock designed to produce the false impression of growing order books.

JFB's chairman Mr John Clay revealed yesterday that since the financial year ended in September, Gills had been sold for a nominal sum and that full provision of £300,000 for the loss on sale had been taken in the accounts. In addition, trading losses of £1.7 million, of which a substantial part related to previous years, were taken above the line in the profit and loss account.

A writ was issued on December 10 against Howard Tilly & Co, Gills' former auditors, seeking substantial damages in connection with the audit of Gills' accounts in earlier years.

John Clay: problems at one of the subsidiary companies

Mr Clay gave no indication of the extent of the legal claim for damages though Gill has cost the group around £2 million in recent years.

The group also announced profits of £4.57 million for the year to end September, a turnround from a loss of £3.96 million in the previous 12 months. For the first time in several years, the accounts are relatively free from the effects of large scale rationalization, disposal, write-off and capital reconstruction that has dogged the group's recent past.

Mr Clay revealed that the remaining arrears of dividend on the preference shares are to be paid and that ordinary shareholders can expect a nominal dividend on their shares of 0.25p – the first payment since 1980.

The chief executive, Mr Roy Shephard, pointed out that the reconstruction of JFB was now two-thirds complete, with debt down from £25 million to £15 million and financial stability restored. "We no longer have to meet with our bankers on a monthly basis and we can now look cautiously for some acquisitions," he said.

Current trading was, he added, highly competitive but he and his colleagues were cautiously optimistic.

The level of activity in aerospace remained high and this was reflected in the results of Glossop Superalloys and Firth Derihon. The Firth Vickers foundry was obtaining the benefits of the rationalization with Sheepbridge Alloy castings. Firth Brown castings returned to profit for the first time for some years and would show the benefits in the current year from the acquisition of Sheepbridge Equipment.

But he gave a warning that the last quarter of fiscal 1986 indicated reduced demand in some of the group's businesses.

Costs drive out RFD Aviation

By Robert Rodwell

RFD Aviation, which makes inflatable life-rafts, is moving its financial management, design and engineering development sections from Godalming in Surrey to its factory at Dunmurray, near Belfast, because of high costs.

The company is shedding 50 jobs at the Godalming office.

This provides a rare example of a Northern Ireland subsidiary gaining jobs at the expense of its parent company in mainland Britain.

The decision to transfer was made after a takeover last June by the plastic sheeting maker, Wardle Storeys, according to the parent company's chief executive, Mr Brian Taylor.

He said: "It costs roughly £7.50 a sq ft a year simply to have a manufacturing operation in Godalming; here in Dunmurry it is little more than a £1 a sq ft.

"But other factors are the sheer cost and unavailability of production labour in Godalming, where the age profile of our shopfloor workers has been a lot nearer 60 years than 30." Only a marketing office is likely to remain in the South-east.

The move was crucial, Mr Taylor said, if the company's cost basis was to be reduced sufficiently for it to compete in international markets and rebuild its market share.

RFD's aviation products division, which also makes Mae West life-jackets and escape chutes, is to be merged with its marine equipment division, which has been at Dunmurry since 1952.

The move, costing more than £1 million, is well under way and the Dunmurray workforce has been increased from 165 to more than 200 since August.

Six Godalming employees are being offered transfers to Northern Ireland.

One has accepted unconditionally and three others are working one-year contracts in Belfast before making a final decision.

The merged divisions will trade under the restored name RFD Inflatables.

The transfer parallels a similar move by its sister company, GQ Parachute from Woking, Surrey, to South Wales which is under way.

All parachute manufacture has been transferred and about 90 have been made redundant at Woking.

GQ Defence Equipment, which makes weapon trainers for the armed services was being sold to another defence contractor, Mr Taylor said.

Chinatown firm to seek quote

Mr Peter Levy and Mr Jonathan Lane, both former directors of Stock Conversion, are setting up Shaftesbury, a new property company owning the heart of London's Chinatown.

Shaftesbury has acquired a £14 million portfolio from P & O, the company which took over Stock Conversion this year. The company has £10 million in paid-up equity and owns 31 freehold properties in Chinatown and shops and offices in Brompton Road, Knightsbridge.

Mr Levy, the chairman, said the company was already looking at a number of opportunities to expand and a stock market quotation would be sought soon.

Syndicates sell-off at Hogg

By Our City Staff

Hogg Robinson, the Lloyd's broker, travel and estate agency, is divesting itself of *Lloyd's syndicates 2, 185 and 558.*

The management of the Hogg subsidiary, Gardner Mountain, and Capel-Cure agencies is buying the syndicates for a percentage of retained profit commissions for the underwriting years *1984 to 1989 inclusive* and £60,000 book value.

Pretax profit contribution to the Hogg group would have been £487,000 for the year ending last March, according to the sale formula agreed.

This month, Hogg sold off its much larger Janson Green *underwriting agency business* on a similar basis.

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COMPANY NEWS

Holmes tops target

Holmes & Marchant, the sales promotion and graphic design consultancy, beat its profits forecast of £1.95 million, when it produced pretax profits of £2 million for the year to the end of September, compared with £1.24 million in the previous year. The total dividend is 3.15p, against 1.1p previously.

The marketing service sector remains buoyant and turnover from new and existing clients is higher in the current year. The company is at an advanced stage of talks to buy a public relations company.

● **BENCHMARK GROUP:** *Talks are on with Charlton Seal* Dimmock and Co, Manchester and London stockbrokers, which are expected to lead to a conditional agreement for the *acquisition of Charlton.*

● **STANDARD SECURITIES:** The company has purchased a freehold warehouse at Slough, Berkshire, from investment clients of Fuller Peiser. This property, which comprises 38,000 sq ft of accommodation on a site of about 1.8 acres, is let to Semperit UK until 1990. The purchase price was close to £1.1 million, showing an initial return to Standard of a little above 9 per cent.

● **W CANNING:** In the circular dealing with the acquisition of Ipco Corp and the proposed takeover of Inhalation Therapy Services, the board reaffirms its opinion that the outlook for second half is good.

● **RAINBOW CORPORATION:** This New Zealand company which recently opened a British investment office has conditionally agreed to acquire 24.3 million shares (about 90 per cent) of Dah Yuan Real Estate of Hong Kong for about NZ$27 million (£9.7 million). The company will become Rainbow's holding company for its investments outside Australasia and will form an important link with Rainbow's UK operations.

● **BULMER & LUMB:** ATC *owns or has irrevocable* undertakings to accept, or procure acceptance of, its offer for 3.49 million ordinary shares (40.7 per cent). One of the undertakings to accept (for 795,045 shares) will cease to be binding if a higher offer is made.

● **PROPERTY AND REVERSIONARY INVESTMENTS:** The board has decided that the interests of shareholders are better served by concluding the merger with Lynton Holdings. The Speyhawk proposals would have involved shareholders either selling their shares for cash at a discount to net assets or accepting Speyhawk shares, so diluting the asset-backing for their investment and reducing the quality of earnings. Speyhawk has been informed that this proposal will not be recommended to shareholders.

● **BROAD STREET GROUP:** Permission has been granted to deal in 397,727 new ordinary shares on the USM. These shares will be issued as consideration for the acquisition of GDP.

● **FORWARD TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES:** Cambrasound (Holdings) has been sold to HWF Number Twenty, a company owned by the family trust of Mr G Ambrose, a former director of Cambrasound, which makes accessories for the storage and care of gramophone records, etc. The consideration is £450,000 cash. FTI will also be entitled to cash payments of 10 per cent of Cambrasound's pretax profit for each of three years ending in 1989. The company obtained from the Stock Exchange a waiver from the requirement to seek shareholders' approval for this disposal.

● **RICHARDS:** Year to Sept. 30. Total dividend 1.9p (1.6p). Turnover £16.46 million (£13.78 million). Pretax profit £728,000 (£512,000). Extraordinary item: £1.62 million credit (nil). Earnings per share 4.26p *(3.31p).* The current year has started satisfactorily and prospects for the year look good, the board declares. Richards' balance sheet is strong and there are no borrowings.

More company news is on page 24

● **LUCAS INDUSTRIES:** Sir Godfrey Messervy, the chairman, told the annual meeting that, so far this year, demand in the British automotive market has been even lower than the board had expected. It cannot see an improvement during the remainder of this year – especially in the commercial vehicles and agricultural sectors which are "severely depressed."

● **BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY:** BHP has formed a limited partnership with Advent International, with an initial commitment of about Aus$23 million (£10.6 million). This partnership, registered in the US, has BHP as the only limited partner, providing 100 per cent of the investment funds. Advent, a Boston venture-capital management company, gives BHP access to a network of venture-capital managers around the world with over US$1 billion (£698 million) under management in small, emerging companies.

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FUTURES & OPTIONS

Testing, testing, are you there?

The Futures and Options column takes on a seance-like quality this week in an attempt to find out if there is anyone out there who has been wading through its worthy prose over the past year.

Most of the 10 questions below would be easy prey to keen column-followers and a small, but eminently drinkable, fizzy prize is on offer to the first correct answer drawn after the first post on December 23. Answers on a postcard please to Richard Lander, Futures and Options Quiz, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

1) The date of the tin collapse in October 1985 coincided with:
a) Save the Children Day
b) Flag Day for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
c) United Nations Day

2) Which London market moves to new docklands premises near *The Times* next Easter?
a) The London Commodity Exchange
b) The London Metal Exchange
c) The London International Financial Futures Exchange

3) Which stock exchange did the Chicago Board Options Exchange take over this year?
a) San Francisco
b) Philadelphia
c) Cincinnatti

4) Which futures market has the world's first fully automated trading system?
a) The New Zealand Futures Exchange
b) The Hong Kong Futures Exchange
c) The Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange

5) Which exchange dropped its potato futures contract this year?
a) The Chicago Mercantile Exchange
b) The Chicago Board of Trade
c) The New York Mercantile Exchange

6) How much gold (approximately) did Australia produce in 1985?
a) 1.9 million ounces
b) 2.9 million ounces
c) 2.4 million ounces

7) The coffee price has had its ups and downs this year. What was the top price reached (second position futures, London Commodity Exchange)?
a) £3,234.50/tonne
b) £3,007.50/tonne
c) £2,956.50/tonne

8) The Sydney Futures Exchange recently launched linked contracts with two overseas exchanges. Which one did it *not* team up with?
a) The New York Commodity Exchange (Comex)
b) The Chicago Board of Trade
c) The London International Financial Futures Exchange

9) Which is the most heavily traded futures or options contract in the world?
a) S&P-500 stock index futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
b) S&P-100 stock index options on the Chicago Board Options Exchange
c) Treasury Bond futures on the Chicago Board of Trade

10) The International Wheat Council is forecasting record world wheat production in the 1986-87 season. Its figure is?
a) 520 million tonnes
b) 530 million tonnes
c) 570 million tonnes

Rules:
1. Employees of *The Times*, News International, London Post (Printers) Ltd and their families are not eligible to enter.
2. Entries must be received by first post Tuesday, December 23.
3. No correspondence will be entered into.

Richard Lander

Mountleigh jumps to £13m pretax

Mountleigh Group, the fast-growing property group which relies on trading for most of its income, has reported a leap in pretax profits from £2.3 million to £13 million for the six months to the end of October.

Mr Ronald Clegg, the chairman, said Mountleigh had made a good start to the second half and has contracted to buy further trading properties at a cost of £37 million. The company based in Pudsey, Yorkshire, also intends to expand overseas, including a "strictly limited" exposure in the United States.

Shareholders, who have seen Mountleigh's shares more than double this year, are being paid an interim dividend of 6p against 3p. A five-for-one scrip issue is planned

Stock Market

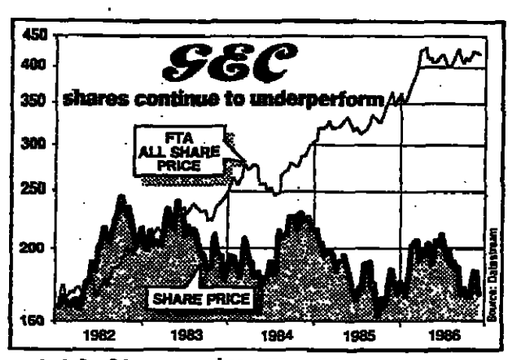
Dealers fear GEC has lost air defence order

By Carol Leonard

The City is bracing itself for the news – expected later this week – that General Electric, the British electronics group, may have lost the airborne early-warning system order to the US.

The decision, on whether the Government will buy GEC's Nimrod or the rival, Awac system proposed by Boeing, the American avionics group and Plessey, is due to be taken at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

But a number of stockbrokers already consider it a foregone conclusion that the lucrative contract will go to Boeing – so much so that they say the loss of the contract has already been largely discounted in the GEC share price.



Mr Graham Meek, the leading electronics analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, agrees. He says: "The loss of the Nimrod contract has already been discounted. The fact that the shares aren't falling any further is a sign that the shares may have bottomed-out. There is now a general feeling among investors that this may hasten the GEC management to outline its long-term strategy."

GEC's shares remained unchanged yesterday at 166p – 6p above their low for the year – even though more than 7 million shares went through the market. At that level, the group is valued at £4.44 billion.

Plessey was also heavily traded, firming a penny to 173p as more than 3 million shares changed hands.

Other sub-contractors which would benefit if Boeing won also gained ground. Racal improved 1.5p to 177.5p.

The GEC share price has consistently underperformed the stock market for the past four years and there is now talk in some City quarters that its institutional investors are banding together to try to exert pressure on GEC's directors to publicly identify their longer-term strategy.

Another leading sector-watcher said: "If they fail to do this it could result in pressure for a complete management change."

Most City experts think GEC may now have reached its lowest ebb and that things could now improve. "They've had a very unlucky 1986 and this could be the turning point," added Mr Meek.

Elsewhere, the stock market spent a quiet, but firm session, giving up some of its more heady rises when Wall Street opened in a negative mood.

The FT-SE 100 share index notched up a gain of 11.3 points at 2 pm, but then turned lower and closed just 7.2 points higher at 1,637.0.

The FT 30 Share index closed at 1,280.3, a gain of just 0.1.

Among blue-chip stocks, **BTR** was the one name on everyone's lips in late trading, on speculation that today it might raise its offer for **Pilkington**, the glass manufacturer.

Its shares ended the day unchanged at 275p, but Pilkington rushed up 14p to 640p, as 7.5 million shares went through the market. Market men say that a new offer would have to be at the £7-a-share level if it were to have any hope of success.

Market-makers stopped quoted prices in Pilkington's shares just after 5 pm, almost an hour before Seaq's prices close and thus fuelling the rumours. The last to shut up shop in Pilkington was Smith Newcourt, just before 5.30 pm.

A profile of a leading US pharmaceutical analyst in *Barrons Weekly*, the respected American weekly financial journal, published yesterday, boosted the shares of both Glaxo and Wellcome.

He recommended both companies as strong "buys." Glaxo, which has been a firm market since its annual meeting last week on talk of increased sales and hopes of a new drug launch early in the new year, spurted another 28p to 977p. Wellcome improved 6p to 215p.

Gilts began the day on a higher note, but drifted lower on the back of the retail sales figures for November at mid-morning and closed three-eighths lower at the longer end and £¼ down in the shorts.

The buoyant mood lifted the partly-paid British Gas shares by a penny to 64p as 164 million shares went through the market. The expected fall in the British Gas price, ahead of the flurry of selling which had been expected today from small shareholders who should by now have received their allotment letters, failed to materialize. Market men now say the price could well stay at around its present level for the next few days.

● Carclo, the card clothing manufacturer and specialist engineer, eased 3p to 437p – in spite of a bullish buy circular from Mr Philip Meredith, an analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson. He forecasts profits of £4.9 million for 1986-87, rising to £7.3 million in 1987-88.

● Polypipe, the fast-growing plastic plumbing and drainage pipe manufacturer, has given itself a useful £1.4 million cash-injection by selling part of Paragon Plastics, the company it bought a couple of months ago for £5.3 million. The buyer is Glynwed International.

Grand Met names US strong man

By Cliff Feltham

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, hotels and leisure group at the centre of intense bid rumours, has announced another key management change in a move to strengthen its United States operations.

Mr Ian Martin, who headed the British brewing business, is to become chairman and chief executive of GrandMet USA, the holding company for the group's consumer activities.

He takes over following the retirement of Mr Jon Old. The US group includes pet foods, soft drinks, and child care centres. Grand Metrolitan recently pulled out of the cigarette business with the sale of the Liggett Group.

Widespread management changes have taken place in recent weeks at Grand Metropolitan. Mr Stanley Grinstead, chairman, has handed over a large part of his responsibilities to Mr Allen Sheppard, the new group chief executive.

Grand Metropolitan's share price has risen strongly on increasing speculation that a bid for the group is about to be launched. They closed 2p down at 473p yesterday compared with a low this year of 332p.

Meanwhile, discussions continue to take place between its brewing arm, Watney Mann, and rivals Courage, now part of Mr John Elliott's IXL. Watney's has a long contract to market Elders' Fosters lager which Mr Elliott would be keen to take back under his own control.

"Talks are taking place in terms of marketing Fosters in Britain but no announcement is imminent," said Grand Metropolitan.

USH begins fightback with £3.2m profit

By Alexandra Jackson

The award of a £40 million contract accompanied yesterday's return to profitability at United Scientific Holdings, the troubled defence contractor.

In the first half of 1985-86, USH reported a pretax loss of £1 million, but a profit of £4.2 million made in the second six months produced a pretax profit of £3.2 million for the year to the end of September, 1986.

This is well below the £10.1 million reported in 1984-85 and the peak profits of £15.2 million achieved in 1982-83. However, Mr Simon Street, investment analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is expecting a return close to previous levels of profitability during 1988. He is forecasting pretax profits of £10 million in the current year and £15 million next year. "The rating of the shares is about right at this stage," he said.

The new contract has been awarded to Alvis, a subsidiary of United Scientific, for the supply of Stormer armoured track vehicles to the army. Together with contacts worth £17 million and £50 million announced in the last three weeks, United Scientific now has an order book worth about £300 million.

Mr David Fraser, chief executive of United Scientific Holdings, said: "In the first two months of the current year, we have been trading ahead of budgets. The outlook is encouraging."

IN THE MARKET

Curse of the J-Curve may well be lifting

Ben Wrey does not look like *Fu Manchu* – more your typical City gent. But the managing director of Henderson Administration, the British leader in independent fund management, sounds Oriental as he leans forward and talks about the Curse of the J-Curve.

J-Curve? This is the latest buzz term among economists keeping good company and long hours. When a country's currency falls, export selling prices become cheaper, but only after a time. Meanwhile, imports grow dearer and the trade balance worsens before the improvement takes place.

The United States is testing the J-Curve to destruction. The dollar has been devalued by 30 per cent since its March 1985 peak. Yet the trade deficit is at record levels, with the yearly gap still about $170 billion (£119 billion).

The failure, so far, of the J-Curve hypothesis, is wreaking havoc in financial markets. The dollar has been sold heavily. The New York bond market has moved erratically. And the Federal Reserve Board is under great pressure to run accommodative monetary credit policies next year to gee things up.

The "Curse of the Curve" is seen in the financial markets' sense of weary expectancy. It also helps to explain why Wall Street has been relatively dreary in the past year.

Ben Wrey's next statement is less colourful but more provocative. He sees J-Curve benefits accruing sharply to the US in 1987, with the trade balance showing improvement.

In terms of asset allocation, this means Wall Street could well be the best market to be in next year. Performance funds, please note!

The prognostication is also very bold, as it appears to double guess the motivation behind Operation Persuasion, the US diplomatic offensive towards Europe. Persuasion ended with a meeting between James Baker, US Treasury Secretary, and Gerhard Stoltenberg, his opposite number in West Germany. Some claim Baker warned of a further US dollar devaluation, perhaps to DM1.80, ahead of a first quarter next year which could show negative real growth.

But the dollar has been stronger against the mark and might be buoyant in 1987. Nor can the recent strong showing by Wall Street be ignored. In the wake of "Boeskygate" and the Iran arms scandal, traders saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average selling off by some 300 points and dropping back into the mid-1500s. The opposite has happened. The market is hanging on just below 2,000.

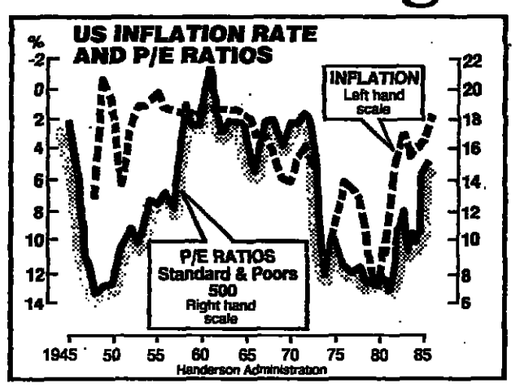
As a clincher to the argument, Ben Wrey invokes his Rule of 20. Like all good City nostrums, this is a rule of thumb ridiculed by the purists and utilized by everyone else. The rule holds that for the US system the rate of inflation and the stock market should add up to 20.

Underlying the rule is the idea that an inverse correlation exists between the price-earnings ratio and inflation. Periods of high inflation generate low quality earnings; hence the market multiple will tend to fall. In periods of low inflation, or even disinflation, investor tolerance of a high multiple will grow, since this reflects increased confidence on the part of portfolio managers about the quality of corporate earnings.

Applying the rule to Wall Street suggests that New York is quite seriously undervalued. The target p/e is 14 or lower, while inflation is still only about 3½ per cent. Wall Street clearly has scope to appreciate before the two components in the rule come to 20. And the main force driving earnings higher, corporate multiples lower, and ultimately stock prices better must be the lagged impact of J-Curve benefits feeding through to earnings.

Is the Curse about to be lifted?

Christopher Dunn



COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Oil lubricates the pound's recovery

The unlikely alliance of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Nigel Lawson kept sterling on the road to recovery yesterday. Oil prices broke above $16 a barrel, with $18 now firmly in sight. And the Chancellor, operating on the principle that the markets have short memories, made his fortnightly comment about not wanting sterling to fall any lower.

The result was a half a cent gain to $1.4325 for the pound, with the sterling index up 0.1 to 68.8. Add in some indications of an easing in money market interest rates and every ingredient appeared to be there for a strong gilt market.

But no, the 2.4 per cent surge in retail sales last month rekindled some old fears. Gilts ended around half a point lower on the day and looking distinctly soggy. The sales figures, self-evident to any battered Oxford Street Saturday shopper, carried two messages for the market.

The first is that the money numbers due on Thursday, and in particular the bank lending figures, could spoil many an office party. After the £3.4 billion bank lending explosion in October, nobody, least of all after yesterday's retail sales figures, expects a sharp reversal to have occurred last month.

Figures of £2 billion-plus for November's bank lending rise were doing the rounds even before yesterday's data. And last month, remember, Sid was supposed to be deferring spending so that he could get his hands on some British Gas shares. He did not, and the cash to do both must have come from somewhere.

After last week's gentle warning from the Bank of England's Brian Quinn, directed towards excessive credit card advances, some old hands in the market think that they have detected the first hint of credit controls.

The retail sales boom has had its effect on Britain's trade figures. Next week, unless we are very lucky, it will have pushed the monthly trade deficit back above £1 billion, when the November figures are published. Unless Whitehall has discovered some more invisible earnings from somewhere, that is a current account deficit in anyone's language.

This is where oil comes back into the picture. According to Mehdi Varzi, the Opec specialist at Kleinwort Grieveson, the oil producers' meeting in Geneva is 95 per cent towards agreement and, having gone this far, Opec is not going to let things go.

And so, despite the Iran-Iraq squabble, it grows more likely that Opec will achieve the production cuts necessary to limit output to 16 to 16.5 million barrels a day, and raise prices to $18 a barrel.

That said, oil is less of a petrocurrency than it was. The main effect of higher oil prices may be to counteract the pressures pointing, much less definitely than they were, towards a January sterling crisis.

The Chancellor, in his *Wall Street Journal* interview yesterday, apart from underlining his commitment to a sterling floor around current level, kept the European Monetary System pot boiling by repeating the "when the time is ripe" formula. It would be a pity if a return of oil-related volatility for the pound meant that even the Chancellor would have to abandon his EMS hopes.

Head start for capital

It took a foreign-owned bank to make it happen, but at the end of a 50 minute High Court judgment yesterday London suddenly found itself with an edge over its rivals in the race to be the world's most attractive financial centre. Scandinavian Bank, the City-based consortium bank, tested the law and found that any public limited company can hold its capital in foreign currencies as long as it maintains a small pool of sterling.

What Mr Justice Harman's judgment means is that currency fluctuation will no longer hold the same terrors and that bankers can plan the future sensibly – if their companies are registered in Britain.

For the banks it makes it easier to stay within regulatory requirements – ratios and the like – without slow and expensive capital raising excercises. Hence the enthusiasm for the idea from the Bank of England and the Treasury. The whole business of planning risk is simplified.

The same goes for almost any multinational wanting to protect itself against moves in currencies in which it is heavily exposed. It should be far more attractive for foreign companies to set up operations here and put increasing amounts of business through them. For the first time they will have the safety and flexibility of choosing exactly how to structure their capital.

Scandinavian Bank plans to match the currencies in its capital base almost exactly with the currency spread of its assets. That is a luxury permitted by its consortium shareholding structure which enables it to get agreement to complex maneouvres quickly.

Others institutions, such as the clearing banks which have already expressed their desire for dollar denominated capital, would find it harder to get approval for a total restructuring. They are more likely to limit their activity to issuing any future capital in foreign currency. Some merchant banks may find it easier to go for total restructuring.

How to profit from inside information (without insider trading)

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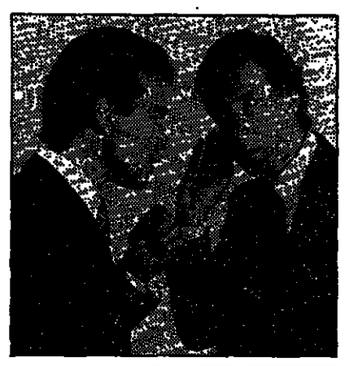

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J.S.D. Computers	27p	150p	447%
Stat-Pins Group	270p	340p	21%
Good Relations	95p	148p	51%
S&U Stores	40p	50p	20%
Trent Holdings	74p	95p	24%
Goode Durrant & Murray	120p	148p	48%
S. Casket Holdings	45p	79p	70%
S. Jerome & Sons (Holdings)	68p	98p	68%
Meyer International	142p	265p	83%
Meat Trade Suppliers	104p	160p	49%
Bryant Holdings	67p	145p	117%
Buckley's Brewery	104p	146½p	36%
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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 9
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10²⁵⁄₃₂; 3 mnth 10²²⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mnth 10²³⁄₃₂; 3 mnth 10¹¹⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10²⁷⁄₃₂-10²⁵⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 10²⁵⁄₃₂-10²³⁄₃₂
3 mnth 10²³⁄₃₂-10¹¹⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 10¾-10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11¹⁵⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 11¹³⁄₃₂
3 mnth 11¹¹⁄₃₂ 6 mnth 11¼

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 12½
1 week 10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼
1 mnth 11¼-11⅛ 9 mnth 11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼
3 mnth 11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼ 12 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 11¼
6 mnth 11¼ 12 mth 11¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11½-11¼ 2 mnth 11½-11¼
3 mnth 11½-11¼ 6 mnth 11½-11¼
9 mnth 11½-11¼ 12 mth 11½-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 3 mnth 11¼-11⅛
6 mnth 11¼-11⅛ 12 mth 11³⁄₁₆-11¹⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.45-6.40 3 mnth 6.25-6.20
6 mnth 6.15-6.10 12 mth 6.15-6.10

BULLION

Gold:$394.00-394.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$392.00-395.00 (£273.50-276.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$92.75-93.75 (£64.75-65.50)
Platinum
$495.25 (£345.50)
Silver
$5.45-5.47 (£3.80-3.815)

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6¹⁄₁₆-6⅞ call 6¾-5¾
3 mnth 6¼-6⅛ 1 mnth 6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆
6 mnth 6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆
Deutschmark
call 5½-4½
7 days 5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆ 1 mnth 5⅛-5
3 mnth 4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 4⅞-4¾
French Franc
call 7½-6½
7 days 8½-8⅛ 1 mnth 8½-8¼
3 mnth 8⅝-8⅜ 6 mnth 8¾-8½
Swiss Franc
call 1⅛-⅞
7 days 1⅝-1⅜ 1 mnth 4⅝-4½
3 mnth 4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 4⅛-4
Yen
call 5-4
7 days 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆ 1 mnth 4⅝-4½
3 mnth 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 4½-4⅜

COMPANY NEWS

● HALMA: Interim dividend 0.78p (0.65p) for the 26 weeks to Sept 27, payable on Feb. 9. Turnover £17.29 million (£14.32 million). Pretax profit £2.84 million (£2.26 million). Earnings per share 4.79p (3.69p). The board remains confident that the group has considerable potential for further growth.

● COMPSOFT HOLDINGS: Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Total sales were 1,085 (1,151) and total operating costs were 1092 (972).

The company expects the British concerns to continue to make a small profit for the year

● MCLEOD RUSSEL: Mr John Guthrie, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that, on the basis of present price levels, he expects group profits for the current year to show an improvement.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
Allied Lyons (*307)	280	32	40	50	2	7	12
	300	15	27	35	5	13	18
	330	3	16	21	28	30	35
British Gas (*65)	50	15½	17½	19½	½	½	1
	60	6½	8½	11½	1	2½	3½
	70	1½	4	6	6½	8	9
BP (*704)	600	110	122	—	1	8	—
	650	80	79	97	2	17	25
	700	19	38	57	12	37	48
Cons Gold (*664)	550	125	144	—	2	8	—
	600	80	104	120	5	15	22
	650	40	72	87	20	33	40
Courtaulds (*308)	260	53	63	—	1	1½	—
	280	33	34	53	1½	4	7
	300	17	29	41	4	5	13
	330	3	13	25	22	25	28
Com Union (*270)	260	16	25	30	5	9	14
	280	6	14	23	15	19	25
	300	2	8	15	33	35	38
Cable & Wire (*315)	300	23	38	50	4	15	20
	325	9	23	—	16	24	—
	350	2	14	—	37	45	—
	375	1	—	—	62	—	—
GEC (*188)	160	13	18	26	3	6	8
	180	4	11	16	16	20	21
	200	1	4½	8	35	37	40
Grand Met (*472)	360	118	125	—	1	1	—
	390	88	95	—	1	2	—
	420	60	72	88	1½	9	12
	460	26	46	62	12	23	25
ICI (*1092)	1000	107	125	148	2	12	18
	1050	80	90	115	5	27	35
	1100	23	58	88	23	48	55
	1150	13	35	58	60	77	82
Land Sec (*332)	300	36	48	51	1½	3	7
	330	13	28	34	5	12	15
	360	3	12	17	30	31	35
Marks & Spen (*181)	180	6	17	21	4	7	10
	200	1½	6½	14	22	23	25
	220	1	3	6	42	40	43

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Shell Trans (*972)	900	88	108	125	2	14	25
	950	42	65	85	9	34	45
	1000	13	40	60	33	60	67
Trafalgar House (*262)	260	8	18	24	9	14	17
	280	3	10	16	27	29	33
	300	1½	5	9	46	47	51
TSB (*76)	70	8	11	14½	1	2	4
	80	1½	5	7½	5	6½	8
	90	½	2½	3½	15	15	15½
Beecham (*416)	360	58	70	—	1	2	—
	390	28	45	57	1	8	13
	420	2½	26	36	9	22	30
	460	1	9	20	48	52	53
Boots (*228)	200	28	37	43	½	3	4
	220	9	22	30	½	6	11
	240	½	12	18	13	17	23
BTR (*275)	260	18	29	36	1	5	9
	280	2	17	23	7	14	19
	300	—	8	14	—	30	33
Bass (*729)	650	85	90	100	1	6	12
	700	35	53	70	2	15	27
	750	2	30	45	25	50	60
Blue Circle (*649)	600	52	80	95	1	8	15
	650	6	47	65	4	23	33
	700	1	—	—	53	—	—
De Beers (*775)	650	130	155	—	1	13	—
	700	80	115	140	2	20	33
	750	30	83	110	6	45	55
	800	7	60	85	35	70	80
Dixons (*319)	300	22	36	50	½	8	12
	330	1	20	32	12	20	24
	360	½	8	20	42	44	46
GKN (*289)	240	30	40	47	½	3	7
	260	10	26	33	½	10	14
	280	1	14	21	12	18	24
	300	½	7	—	32	32	—
Glaxo (*976)	900	80	114	142	2	15	20
	950	30	77	107	4	25	37
	1000	5	50	77	30	50	62
	1050	1	30	—	80	85	—

December 15, 1986. Total contracts 38114. Calls 25240. Puts 12874. FT-SE Index. Calls:567. Puts:491 *Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Hanson (*187)	160	27½	30	—	½	2	—
	180	7½	15½	21	1	6	9
Hanson (cont)	200	½	5½	11	13½	17½	20
	220	½	2½	5½	33½	36½	37
Jaguar (*524)	500	23	50	70	1	18	22
	550	1	18	35	29	38	43
	600	½	9	—	79	80	—
Thorn EMI (*477)	420	59	74	84	½	3	5
	460	19	40	57	½	18	22
	500	½	19	35	24	37	40
	550	½	7	—	74	78	—
Tesco (*394)	330	65	—	—	½	—	—
	360	35	65	83	1	7	10
	390	6	28	38	1	18	22
	420	½	12	19	27	30	35
Brit Aero (*486)	420	80	85	—	4	8	—
	460	45	53	73	9	17	23
	500	22	30	45	27	35	42
BAT Inds (*461)	390	85	92	—	2	3	—
	420	57	68	80	3	7	13
	460	32	42	57	17	20	30
	500	9	21	37	40	47	53
Barclays (*484)	460	42	52	62	6	17	22
	500	18	30	40	22	32	40
	550	5	10	—	67	72	—
Brit Telecom (*198)	180	19	24	30	1½	4½	9
	200	6½	13	18	12	14	17
	220	2	6	—	29	30	—
Cadbury Schwpps (*185)	160	30	32	39	1	3	5
	180	13	19	25	6	10	13
	200	5	9	15	16	20	22
Guinness (300)	280	28	40	48	10	15	17
	300	14	28	35	20	25	30
	330	5	12	23	40	43	48
Ladbroke (*364)	330	47	57	63	2	8	11
	360	22	33	43	11	17	21
	390	8	20	30	30	35	40
LASMO (*159)	130	35	39	—	3	5	—
	140	27	33	37	4	6	9
	160	12	19	26	12	15	16

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
Midland Bank (*566)	500	82	92	102	3	8	15
	550	42	52	62	13	20	27
	600	15	20	32	40	47	52
P&O (*501)	460	52	62	78	4	11	14
	500	25	37	53	15	25	30
	550	5	17	27	52	55	60
Racal (*177)	160	23	30	40	3	6	9
	180	10	19	25	12	16	19
	200	4	10	—	24	30	—
RTZ (*664)	550	127	—	—	4	—	—
	600	85	105	—	8	17	—
	650	47	62	82	23	37	45
	700	21	38	50	57	67	75
Vaal Reefs (*82)	70	16½	21½	23½	2½	4½	5
	80	9	14½	16½	6	8½	9½
	90	3½	8½	11	11	13	15

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*230)	200	36	43	—	2	7	—
	220	20	28	35	8½	15	19
	240	9	16	20	22	27	30
	260	3½	8	—	39	42	—

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£102)	100	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	½	[illegible]	[illegible]
	102	1	1½	[illegible]	[illegible]	2½	2½
	104	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	2½	3½	—
Tr 11¾%-03/07 (*£107)	104	4½	5½	5	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½	[illegible]	3½
	108	2	3½	[illegible]	2½	3½	4½
	110	[illegible]	2½	—	4	5	—
	112	[illegible]	1½	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	114	½	[illegible]	—	7½	7½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar
FT-SE Index (*1636)	1550	86	100	—	—	1	5	—	—
	1575	61	78	—	—	1	9	—	—
	1600	37	60	75	87	3	15	22	27
	1625	16	43	57	70	11	25	32	35
	1650	7	30	43	57	27	40	45	47
	1675	2	20	32	—	45	55	60	—
	1700	1	—	—	—	70	—	—	—

December 15, 1986. Total contracts. Calls. Puts. FT-SE Index. Calls:. Puts: *Underlying security price.

APPOINTMENTS

Managing director named at Salomon

Peter Clarke

Salomon Brothers: Mr Peter Clarke becomes managing director on January 1.

Public Relations Consultants Association: Mr Michael Joyce becomes chairman elect from next May.

Save & Prosper Group: Mr Ian Horsfield and Mr Ian Lindsey are executive directors from January 1

The National Magazine Company: Miss Denny Barnes becomes art director and associate editor, *SHE* magazine on January 5.

ABTA: Mr Charles McLelland becomes director general.

Nationwide Key Service: Mr Frank Beesley has joined the board as business development director.

BEAMA Meter Association: Mr Alan Wood has been elected chairman.

Cambridge Communication: Dr Michael Turton has become managing director.

Charles Barker City: Miss Lisa Spiro and Mr Bill Grandy become directors. Miss Laura Carr and Mr Peter d'Aguilar become assistant directors.

The Trend Group: Sir Hugh Cunningham has been named non-executive group chairman and Air Vice-Marshall Alan Merriman as a non-executive director.

Etam: Mr B Scruby is now a non-executive director.

Derek Bryant Group: Mr E. Geoffrey MacDonald has been made finance director (designate).

Henry Cooke, Lumsden: Mr David Anderson becomes a director.

Sequent Computer Systems: Mr Michael Simon is now vice-president, marketing.

Eleco Holdings: Mr Field Walton becomes non-executive chairman from January 1. Mr Michael Webster becomes group managing director.

John Govett & Co: Mr Roy Brooks, Mr Richard Lamb and Mr Richard Robinson are now directors.

Charles Hammond: Mr Richard Martin has been made an executive director.

Institute of Marketing: Professor Michael Baker has become chairman.

Charles Fulton (IDB): Mr Michael Higgins has joined the board.

BPCC (US): Mr Robert Smith becomes executive vice-president, finance and administration.

Myson Group: Mr Colin Scott joins the board on January 1.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 15	Market rates close December 15	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4310-1.4353	1.4320-1.4330	0.63-0.60prem	1.72-1.67prem
Montreal	1.9734-1.9773	1.9742-1.9770	0.54-0.45prem	1.34-1.19prem
Ams'dam	3.2546-3.2675	3.2592-3.2637	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-3⅞prem
Brussels	59.91-60.16	60.00-60.10	24-19prem	54-45prem
C'phgen	10.8927-10.9237	10.8975-10.9123	1⅞-⅝prem	3¼-2⅞prem
Dublin	1.0565-1.0616	1.0593-1.0606	19-27dis	52-70dis
Frankfurt	2.8794-2.8911	2.8870-2.8911	1⅝-1½prem	4½-4⅜prem
Lisbon	213.80-215.03	213.80-214.66	92-125dis	230-352dis
Madrid	194.04-194.88	194.04-194.31	½-4dis	29-82dis
Milan	1994.80-2005.43	1997.64-2003.33	2pm-1dis	2pm-1dis
Oslo	10.8331-10.8625	10.8331-10.8478	6¾-7¾dis	14¾-15¾dis
Paris	9.4371-9.4777	9.4455-9.4621	2¾-2prem	5⅝-4⅞prem
St'khlm	9.9559-9.9805	9.9631-9.9773	1⅛-⅞prem	4-3½prem
Tokyo	233.47-234.31	233.70-234.10	1½-1¼prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Vienna	20.27-20.33	20.30-20.33	10-8⅞prem	27⅝-23⅞prem
Zurich	2.4232-2.4368	2.4330-2.4368	1⅞-1½prem	4⅞-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.8 (day's range 68.7-68.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.7161-1.7231
Australia dollar	2.1628-2.1660
Bahrain dinar	0.5385-0.5425
Brazil cruzado*	20.6795-20.7973
Cyprus pound	0.7320-0.7420
Finland marka	7.0050-7.0950
Greece drachma	201.50-203.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.1810-11.1703
India rupee	18.65-18.85
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4200-0.4240
Malaysia dollar	3.7160-3.7216
Mexico peso	1265-1315
New Zealand dollar	2.7644-2.7772
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3615-5.4015
Singapore dollar	3.1396-3.1433
South Africa rand	3.1924-3.2092
U A E dirham	5.2490-5.2890

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3540-1.3570
Singapore	2.1925-2.1935
Malaysia	2.5950-2.5970
Australia	0.5160-0.5180
Canada	1.3780-1.3785
Sweden	6.9550-6.9600
Norway	7.5710-7.5760
Denmark	7.6030-7.6080
West Germany	2.0133-2.0143
Switzerland	1.6975-1.6985
Netherlands	2.2750-2.2760
France	6.5900-6.5950
Japan	163.10-163.20
Italy	1395.5-1396.5
Belgium(Comm)	41.90-41.95
Hong Kong	7.7940-7.7950
Portugal	149.45-149.75
Spain	135.50-135.60
Austria	14.15-14.17

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	88.72	88.72	88.70	88.71	273
Mar 87	88.90	88.93	88.85	88.88	1884
Jun 87	89.24	89.25	89.23	89.22	70
Sep 87	89.30	89.31	89.30	89.30	25
Dec 87	89.18	89.18	89.18	89.14	2
Mar 88	NT	—	—	88.89	0
Previous day's total open interest 15762					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 25791			
Dec 86	93.75	93.76	93.75	93.75	400
Mar 87	93.91	93.91	93.88	93.90	2931
Jun 87	93.92	93.93	93.90	93.92	378
Sep 87	93.82	93.83	93.81	93.82	233
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4296			
Dec 86	99-07	99-11	99-02	99-02	91
Mar 87	99-08	99-08	97-27	97-31	3010
Jun 87	NT	—	—	97-02	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 213			
Dec 86	NT	—	—	96-27	0
Mar 87	NT	—	—	96-27	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 22142			
Dec 86	109-15	109-20	109-12	109-08	21
Mar 87	110-15	110-15	109-14	109-14	16561
Jun 87	110-08	110-08	110-08	109-18	4
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 3523			
Dec 86	163.00	164.10	163.00	163.40	437
Mar 87	166.40	166.75	166.00	166.20	25

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 15/12/86 Amstrad, T. Hampton, G. Davis, Myson, Petranol, Nu-Swift, Commander Pets., Delta, Afrowest, Sun Oil, Conroy, Reabrook, Aran, Tricentrol, BSR, J.E. England, Dee, Egerton, North Kalgurli Mines, Greenwich Resources, Wigfall, Premier, Martin Ford, Barham, Kellock, Spong, NMC, GRA, Glentree, Citigrove, Raine, GEC, Lilley, Federated Housing, Benlox, Forsyth, Dixons, Notts. Brick, Ivanhoe, Chloride.
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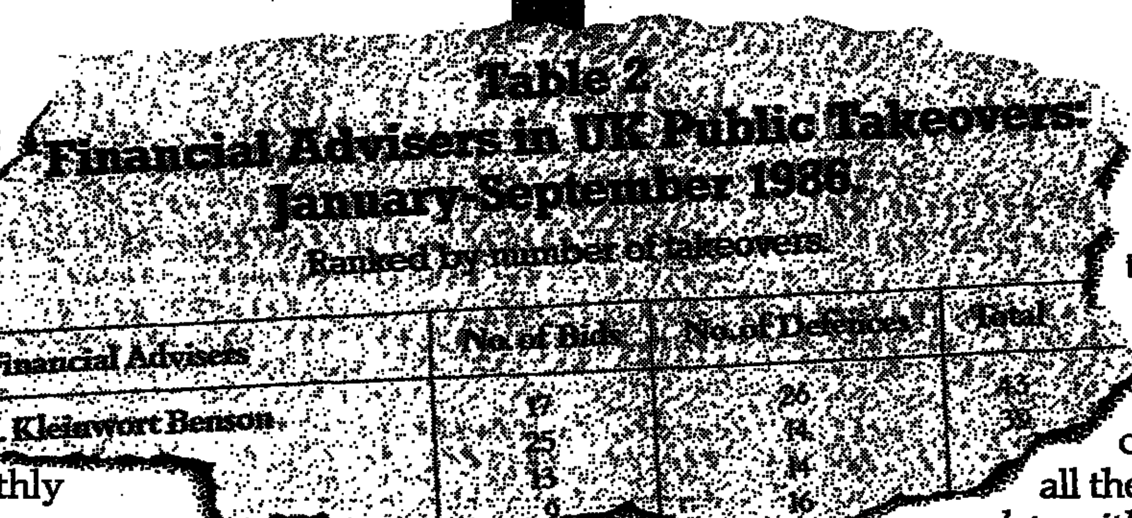

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The hi-tech new wave

Science parks have been a British success story, with low-rise plants for hi-tech industries grouped around the university towns. Now Cambridge, among the first of the breed, is showing the way for the second phase

The grouping of high-technology companies around universities is now fairly common in Britain, with almost 30 science parks throughout the country and another dozen being built or planned. Most, however, have been established only in the past few years and tend to be first-phase lookalikes.

It is at the old-established clusters where overall trends can be most clearly discerned and answers most readily pursued to the nagging question of why Britain has been ineffective at growing big, successful high-technology companies of the calibre of Hewlett-Packard, Apple or DEC.

One cluster is at Cambridge, where what became known as the Cambridge phenomenon was identified. Over the previous decade, 40 computer-based companies set up around the university. Now there are about 400, employing more than 16,000 people, with a total turnover in excess of £1 billion.

There is a continuing healthy birth rate – an average of 50 companies a year – and a low death rate, according to Nick Segal, an economic management consultant.

Entrepreneurial spirits are running high, academics having discovered that making money is fun. Services like financial, accounting, design and public relations are moving in and, more importantly, a pool of managerial and marketing expertise has developed over the last seven years and is still growing.

Several trends are clear. First-generation founders are selling out and are starting new companies. A new wave of young businesses is emerging. Some companies are now successfully bridging the gap between small and large (more than 100 employees), while others stabilize with staffs of between 20 and 50.

Increasing numbers of big foreign companies are moving in, including Schlumberger, Logica and Marconi Maritime.

The business acumen acquired by first-generation entrepreneurs is being applied to new ventures. Chris Curry, a co-founder of Acorn, subsequently taken over by Olivetti, has formed three companies since leaving Acorn last December, including General Information Systems (GIS), a designer of communicating terminals.

He has bought the rights to an integrated voice and data terminal, partially developed at Acorn, because he believes that this is where the next big growth market will be found.

Jack Lang, a co-founder of Topexpress, a scientific and computer consultancy set up in 1978, left this year to start two new companies, Perihelion Hardware and Perihelion Software.

He hopes to raise £3 million of venture capital for Perihelion Hardware in order to launch, in the third quarter of next year, a high performance desk-top work station costing about £1,000, suitable for in-house publishing. It is said to be ten times more powerful with a bigger screen and four times more resolution than current models – at half the price.

Jack's brother, Charles Lang, set up Shape Data in 1974. Like several successful Cambridge companies, it was taken over, in this case by the United States-based Evans and Sutherland. Charles and two co-founders left Shape Data this year and set up Three-Space, a consultancy which specializes in developing solid modelling systems for activities like process planning and numerical control.

The new wave of companies comes partly from the university, partly as spin-offs from older companies. Flare Technology is a company founded by three ex-Sinclair employees, Martin Brennon, Ben Cheese, and John Mathieson who have been surprised by how easy it is to set up their own business and have found the Cambridge network supportive.

Graeme Minto: "I go for the large international markets"

Their design for a low-cost home computer, claimed to be 1,000 times faster than the competition, should hit the market in about a year.

The trend towards more successful growth than that experienced by some first-generation companies is exemplified by Domino Printing Sciences, which is out of Cambridge Consultants, the "grandfather" of the Cambridge phenomenon.

It was founded in 1978 by Graeme Minto and now employs 250 people. A turnover of about £13.5 million is forecast for this year with profits of more than £3 million.

Domino manufactures industrial ink-jet printers, including machines for the industrial over-print business, especially for packing and food date codes.

Minto has recognized the importance of adjusting to growth. He has stepped aside from day-to-day management by bringing in a professional managing director so that as chairman he is free to concentrate on developments. He said: "I focus on doing a few things well in the market place and go for large international markets".

Cotag International is also on the road to substantial growth. It was founded in 1978 to tag fashion goods in retail stores electronically and has rapidly become a world-leader in "smart" coded tags, known as automatic identification systems (AIS).

These tags are machine-readable and work by radio. There are tags for cars to enter security areas such as airports, tags for cows to swallow so that a particular animal can be given the correct amount of food at the right time for maximum lactation, or tags that you can carry in your pocket to open the office door.

Cotag now employs 50 people and expects a turnover of £2 million this year.

Another trend is for companies to launch products more quickly, aiming them at international markets. Prosys Technology (a spin-off from the CAD-Centre, founded in 1983) has already launched a data-base aimed specifically at computer-aided process engineering. It is compatible with a wide range of commercial and in-house software.

Prosys has also the licence for worldwide distribution of a mathematical modeller which can simulate chemical processes which makes it possible, for instance, to see how a plant would behave in certain conditions.

Both these software programs are now being integrated to extend the process of simulation. This is part of a £500,000 consortium project, half funded by the Department of Trade and Industry.

At Cambridge the biggest current problems are city traffic congestion and shortage of housing, especially for lower-paid workers – a two-bedroom terrace house costs £70,000 and prices are rising by 2 per cent a month. Dr John Bradfield, bursar of Trinity College, moving spirit behind the Cambridge Science Park, put forward a plan recently, financed by a consortium, to build a 750-acre village known as Scotland Park.

It will be on the A45, five miles west of Cambridge, and will provide 2,200 homes and a 90-acre business park.

"The British employment situation is so grave that we cannot have enough companies formed in the Cambridge area. We have to accommodate them," he said.

But there is another problem for many of these high-technology companies and that is long-term financing.

Matthew Bullock, Barclays corporate finance director, was a local branch manager in the 1970s and first identified the Cambridge Phenomenon. He recognizes the drawbacks in current venture capital funding and is seeking new ways of financing these companies.

"Cambridge is the most rapid growing area of the country," he said. "It has an industrial profile which is unique and I think it happens to demonstrate the way forward for a good deal of the economic development of the rest of the country."

But whether it can grow powerful companies of international stature has still to be proved.

Peta Levi

THE CAMBRIDGE PHENOMENON

	Firms No.	Firms %	Jobs No.	Jobs %
Electronics	59	21.1	3988	27.0
Instrumentation	62	22.2	3024	20.5
Computer hardware	30	10.8	918	6.2
Computer software	40	14.3	716	4.8
Engineering	15	5.4	207	1.4
R & D	13	4.7	1114	7.5
Chemicals/biotechnology	22	7.9	4217	28.6
Coosultancy	28	10.0	427	2.9
Other	10	3.6	158	1.1
Total	279	100	14769	100

Source: Cambridge study by Segal Quince Wicksteed

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Brighter wrapping for English China Clays

It seems that the paper industry is not as cyclical as it used to be. Since about two-thirds of English China Clays' business is dependent on the fortunes of the paper makers, it was encouraging to hear Dr Stanley Dennison, head of ECC's pigments business, say that he did not foresee a serious downturn in the market place.

Less volatility in world economies is apparently partly responsible for this positive stance but changes in the industry are also contributory factors. ECC International is well positioned in the fast-growing market for lightweight coated paper and at the forefront of the development of calcium carbonate as a material complementary to clay.

The 17 per cent rise in this division's operating profits was helped by a price increase in January. Cost savings and strong demand, however, had the greater effect. In 1985-86, volumes of kaolin, which accounts for about 80 per cent of the pigments business, increased by about 4 per cent. Calcium carbonate volumes, however, grew by 20 per cent.

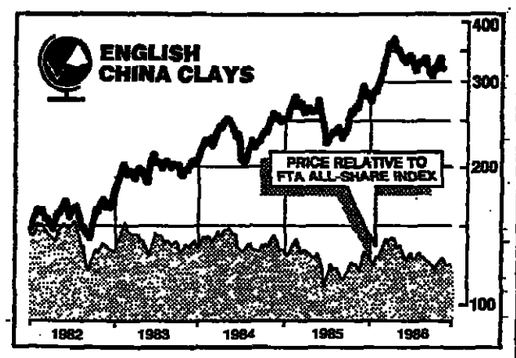
International Drilling Fluids is bearing up well, all things considered. Its tight operational base should enable it to take advantage of any pick up in drilling.

Quarries continue to benefit from value-added concrete products. Politically motivated construction spending is also an obvious boon.

Underlying growth from housing, before taking in any contribution from Bradley, suggests there may be something in ECC Construction's claims to know what it is doing in the residential property market.

Yesterday's results were no surprise as they had been heralded in the Bryant offer document last month. But they struck a note of optimism that augurs well for the present year. Not only does the pigments market look firm, but there will be cost savings after the sale or closure of several underperforming businesses

Before acquisitions, ECC should make £102 million pretax in 1986-87. On earnings of about 32p, the shares are selling on 10 times earnings and do not look expensive. Earnings dilution after the purchase of Bryant would not endear ECC to its shareholders. However, there is room for the present bid to be increased by several pennies without incurring shareholders' wrath.



Hoskyns Group

The fast-growing computer services company, Hoskyns Group, is looking to the City for more than just a warm welcome for its newly-quoted shares.

It also views the City as an important market because of Big Bang.

City computers occupy some of the world's most expensive office space. As they were installed in a hurry for a rapidly changing environment, many are not functioning well, and further amalgamations of firms will create further problems.

In offering what it calls facilities management, Hoskyns will manage for an annual fee a client's entire computer operations, including buying computers from it and moving them to cheaper locations.

The Martin Marietta Corporation, its American parent, is placing 25 per cent of Hoskyns shares with institutions and Hoskyns employees in preparation for a full listing on the London Stock Exchange. The placing price of 128p values the company at £46.8 million.

With less than two months of the new financial year to go by, it is perhaps a little early to forecast earnings to October, 1987. Yet the group has a remarkably consistent 25 per cent annual growth in pretax profit for the last five years. Helped by a declining tax charge, earnings per share have grown even faster at 30 per cent a year.

This year, the tax charge will come down another two or three percentage points to around 36.5 per cent. If momentum is maintained, Hoskyns' lucky shareholders should be looking at pretax profits next year of around £5.6 million, implying a prospective multiple of 13.

Taking into account the differing year-ends, Hoskyns shares appear to be at a slight discount compared with similar companies.

Given Hoskins's spread of business across markets and products and the stability of earnings and growth potential from its facilities management business, currently 34 per cent of sales, the discount looks likely to be short lived.

Carlton Communications

Investors in Carlton Communications, the television services company, have enjoyed another record year of profits and earnings growth.

Consequently, they may be just a little unhappy at not being able to participate in the company's share offering in the United States.

Carlton does not need the money – it was flush with an estimated £30 million net cash at the year end. But it is ambitious to expand both organically and by acquisition.

The estimated £30 million or so it is raising in the US is about 13 per cent of the enlarged share capital. It is likely to be used in making an acquisition of an East Coast television services company.

Expansion in Europe will also continue.

Rapid deregulation of the airwaves in Europe helped Carlton to record a 57 per cent leap in pretax profits to £18.8 million on turnover up 52 per cent to £58 million for the year to September 30.

Analysts are looking for another leap in pretax profits to £27 million this year. This implies a prospective multiple of just over 17, which is not expensive for these shares

The bigger it becomes, the harder it will be to sustain such a spectacular growth rate. That is small consolation for British shareholders who see its market exploding, and might have liked the opportunity to subscribe for more shares, however few.

Mayborn to join USM after 40 years

By Cliff Feltham

Mayborn Group, best known for selling clothing dyes and baby products, is coming to the unlisted securities market with a price-tag of £19.35 million, 40 years after it was established.

Just over 25 per cent of the shares are being placed at 102p each and the £3 million being raised is earmarked for acquisitions.

The company was set up with the financial backing of the present chairman, Lord Bearsted, who achieved his reputation as a director of Hill Samuel, the merchant banker. After Mayborn hit a rocky patch in the late 1970s, he effectively handed over the reins to his son, Mr Michael Samuel, now 34.

The business was soon restructured and since 1982 profits have jumped from £543,000 to £1.4 million. The company is forecasting pretax profits of £2.3 million for the current year.

Mayborn's most important business is Dylon dyes, which are sold throughout most big department stores. A drive is now taking place to "cash in" on the fashion opportunities of the dye market.

The company also distributes baby products – such as toys, bibs and pants – under the "Tommee Tippee" trade mark.

In the United States, its Stahlwood offshoot – acquired in 1984 – supplies a range of toys and baby-care accessories.

Mayborn is now keen to acquire other, inexpensive consumer products which can be distributed through its network.

Mr Saimel said: "We have no intention of taking on costly goods which can quickly go out of fashion. We think there is a good market for remaining where we are and finding other lines which we can handle."

ECC GROUP

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RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1986

- RECORD OF CONTINUING SUCCESS
- RECORD PROFIT – UP BY 21%
- RECORD DIVIDEND – UP BY 13.6%
- RECORD EARNINGS PER SHARE – UP BY 9.5%

	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
TURNOVER (INCLUDING U.K. EXPORTS OF £182M (1985 £175M))	688,591	713,893
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	90,361	74,648
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	58,066	46,696
DIVIDEND PER SHARE – INTERIM	4.25p	4.00p
– RECOMMENDED FINAL	8.25p	7.00p
EARNINGS PER SHARE	28.44p	25.97p
DIVIDEND COVER (TIMES)	2.3	2.2

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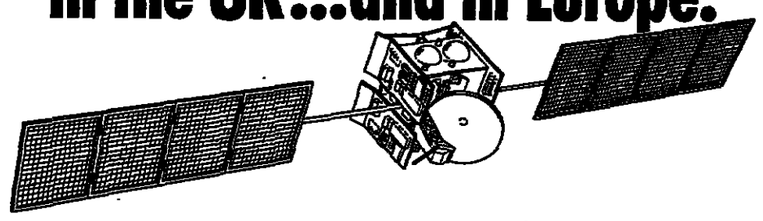
ASTRA–the most important launch of '88 for the television industry in the UK...and in Europe.



Early in 1988, ASTRA – a new privately-operated 16-channel satellite, constructed exclusively for television transmission, will be placed in orbit directly over Europe.

Its arrival will expand and stimulate the whole TV industry across Europe, building demand and creating new markets. Viewers will benefit from a dramatically increased choice of general entertainment and special interest programmes.

The launch of ASTRA opens up exciting opportunities for Britain's television companies.

The existing UK TV world

– a choice of 4 national terrestrial channels, and high quality programme production.

– 8 new UK satellite-carried entertainment and thematic channels limited to less than 1% of UK homes via cable networks.

Developments over the last decade in Europe's TV potential and needs have reduced the feasibility of the plans for Direct Broadcasting Satellites in the UK, as proposed by the World Broadcasting Satellite Administrative Conference (WARC '77). DBS satellites will have only 3 or 4 channels per satellite and will be limited by national boundaries.

The ASTRA world

From 1988 ASTRA offers leading British television companies a cost-effective way to reach new satellite markets, not only in the UK, but also across Western Europe's 120 million TV homes. Technological developments since WARC '77 now mean that the recommended antenna size of 90 cm can be achieved from a medium powered satellite, but now with 16 channels with a full range of international programming.

ASTRA, in discussion with the UK's major companies and authorities, proposes to make 8 or more channels available to UK programmers.

For the UK it would mean:

Choice: A larger choice of channels than on any other satellite system.

Small dishes: Reception by cable networks, blocks of flats and individual homes on 85 cm dishes across Europe.

Equipment already available: ASTRA uses the same frequency range and polarisation standards as existing satellites. Reception equipment is already on the market, whereas manufacturers still need to develop DBS receiving equipment.

Export: ASTRA will bring Britain's TV companies directly into Europe's homes, expanding on the existing 6.3% cable market for satellite TV.

Cost advantages: Very substantial savings can be made by using ASTRA instead of WARC '77 DBS satellites.

On schedule: The ASTRA satellite and its ground control station are nearing completion. ASTRA will be on the air and fully operational in early 1988.

The UK already leads Europe in terrestrial and satellite delivered television.

The SES satellite allows this position to be consolidated within the UK and, where desired, within Europe ... ASTRA offers the best of both worlds.

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UK Special Sits	224.5	239.0	+3.1	2.35
Growth & Income	131.9	139.8	+1.5	3.24
Capital Trust	220.5	233.7	+2.7	2.56
Balanced	362.9	373.4●	+4.0	3.55
Accum Trust	544.7	577.4	+6.3	3.26
American Income	34.1	36.3	-0.3	4.10
High Income Tst	251.8	269.9	+3.2	4.86
Equity Income	143.1	151.7	+1.7	5.04
High Yield	145.8	154.5●	+1.9	5.47
Gov't Secs Trust	26.9	28.0	+0.1	10.20
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Japan Fund	124.4	132.5c	+0.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	205.5	218.9c	+2.1	0.82
Amer Spcl Sits	69.8	74.3	-0.6	1.22
Secs Of Amer Tst	210.5	224.2●	-0.6	0.81
Aid Asset Value	229.3	243.1●	+3.3	3.50
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Do 6% Withdrawal	79.9	85.4	+0.1	0.74
Finance & Property	72.1	77.1	+2.0	3.65
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	48.1	50.6●	+1.0	8.07
Do Accum	81.7	86.0●	+1.5	8.07
Equity Income	77.4	82.7	+1.1	4.62
Do Accum	183.3	196.0	+2.7	4.62
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Intl Income	86.1	92.0	-0.7	1.56
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Managed Fund	65.0	69.5	-0.7	..
Preference Income	28.3	30.2	+0.2	10.28
Do Accum	92.6	99.0	-0.8	10.28
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P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7		
BG America	172.5	183.6	-1.8	0.00
BG Energy	163.5	174.0●	+4.7	1.84
BG Income Grwth	199.9	211.7●	+0.6	5.42
BG Japan	200.0	212.8	+1.3	0.00
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Australian	23.0	24.5	..	2.14
Japan & General	113.5	120.6	-0.4	0.06
High Income	45.0	47.9●	+0.6	5.85
International Trust	87.1	92.7	-0.6	1.39
Income Growth Tst	48.9	52.1	+0.6	3.53
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.1	21.4	+0.2	10.20
Global Markets	34.9	37.2	+0.1	1.83
Special Situations	42.4	45.2	+1.1	1.33
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	89.8	95.0●	-2.0	1.48
Aust Accum	183.5	194.1●	+1.5	0.89
Do Income	129.3	136.8●	+1.1	0.89
Capital	70.3	74.3	+0.6	3.05
Exempt Trust	424.4	449.0●	+6.0	4.29
Extra Income	75.0	79.9	+1.3	5.56
Financial	229.9	246.4●	+3.5	3.04
500	269.2	283.8	+2.8	3.18
General	138.5	146.6	+0.8	3.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.8	52.4●	+0.4	10.46
Japan & Gen Inc	171.1	181.0	+2.8	0.00
Do Acc	173.1	183.1	+1.4	0.00
Growth Accum	180.0	190.4	+1.0	2.26
Income Trust	339.4	358.0	+2.0	3.95
Leisure Trust	78.9	84.5	+0.3	1.55
Special Situations	144.2	152.5	+2.4	2.36
Recovery	196.8	208.2●	+1.5	2.93
Trustee Fund	105.4	111.5c	+0.8	3.05
Univ Tech Accum	55.8	59.0	-0.4	0.05
Do Income	55.9	58.5	-0.2	0.05
Worldwide Trust	154.0	162.9	-1.9	1.14
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	334.6	354.0●	+3.9	3.42
Do Inc	213.5	225.9●	+2.5	3.42
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	81.9	88.6	+2.4	0.30
Eastern	73.7	78.8	+1.3	0.30
Equity Income	58.6	62.3	+1.4	5.80
Europe	137.8	148.5●	-1.4	1.00
Growth & Inc	64.0	68.0	+1.3	3.00
Japan Special	112.0	119.7	+1.8	0.00
Japan Sunrise	94.4	100.9	+0.3	0.00
First Europe	120.3	127.9	-1.8	0.80
First Japan	92.1	98.4	+1.0	1.10
First N Amer	52.4	55.7	-0.9	1.10
First Smaller Co's	67.0	71.2	+0.4	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 6000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.5	68.1	-1.0	1.74
Do Accum	66.0	69.6	-1.0	1.74
European Inc	103.1	108.6●	-1.9	1.21
Do Accum	127.2	134.2	-2.3	1.21
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	22.7	24.0	+0.8	2.15
Do Accum	29.2	30.8	+1.1	2.15
General Inc	165.3	174.6	+2.1	2.96
Do Accum	225.4	237.9	+2.7	2.96
Gilt Yield Inc	104.9	108.6●	+0.7	10.71
Do Accum	172.8	177.8	+1.1	10.71
High Yield Inc	93.3	98.4c	+1.3	5.25
Do Accum	187.8	198.1	+2.7	5.25
Int Rec Inc	106.8	112.5●	+1.2	1.39
Do Accum	112.7	118.9●	+1.2	1.39
Japan Inc	244.3	257.5	+2.8	0.33
Do Accum	246.0	259.5	+2.8	0.33
Japanese Spec Inc	109.8	115.8	+1.5	0.08
Do Accum	110.2	116.3	+1.8	0.08
N American Inc	50.8	53.6●	-0.9	0.75
Do Accum	59.1	62.4●	-1.1	0.75
Pacific Inc	143.6	151.4	+4.8	0.57
Do Accum	161.8	170.7	+5.3	0.57
Planned Investment	135.0	142.5	+0.3	4.10
Smaller Co's Inc	85.8	90.5●	+1.7	1.40
Do Accum	102.3	107.9	+2.0	1.40
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.3	28.8	+0.1	1.10
Do Accum	45.1	47.8	+0.3	1.10
Worldwide Tech Inc	41.1	43.4	+2.1	2.21
Do Accum	41.4	43.7	+2.1	2.21
KB Smaller Co's Inc	159.0	167.7		2.18
Do Accum	207.6	219.0	..	2.18
KB High Yield Inc	131.8	139.1●	+2.3	5.59
Do Accum	222.7	234.9	+4.0	5.59
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	131.1	139.4	+4.7	2.54
Smaller Co's Acc	220.2	232.7	+1.6	..
Do Income	150.9	161.3	+1.0	0.98
High Income	67.4	72.1	+0.8	5.66
Income	76.5	81.9	+0.2	4.71
Man Portfolio Inc	63.1	67.1	+0.7	2.89
Do Acc	106.5	113.3	+1.3	..
North American	57.1	61.1c	..	1.44
Orient	87.5	93.5	-0.2	0.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	51.2	54.5	-0.4	3.60
General Inc (4)	223.1	233.7●	+2.3	2.59
Do Accum (4)	359.4	376.4	+3.7	2.59
Income Fund (3)	103.6	108.4	+0.2	5.06
Do Accum (3)	185.1	193.6	+0.3	5.06
Intl Inc (2)	138.6	144.5	+2.7	1.47
Do Accum (2)	184.4	192.1	+3.5	1.47
Smaller Inc (5)	£12.37	13.07	+0.18	2.81
Do Accum (5)	£13.18	13.92	+0.19	2.81
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	86.7	92.2c	+0.8	0.84
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	292.5	309.5	+5.1	2.83
Income	339.2	358.9	+5.7	4.57
Far East	241.7	257.2	+2.1	0.34
North American	154.2	163.2	-2.6	0.55
Global	53.4	56.5	-0.3	0.80
European	57.9	61.3	-0.6	1.22
Japan	61.3	65.3	+1.0	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	370.5	394.2	+3.1	1.79
Income	284.2	302.4	+2.0	4.81
North American	294.7	313.6	-5.1	0.81
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	87.5	93.7●	+0.8	12.77
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.55		..	4.52
Fixed Int	131.3		..	10.89
Deposit	100.0		..	10.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	54.2	57.2	-2.2	0.83
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	394.89		..	4.94
Accum	£11,187			
Deposit	100.0		..	10.70
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	25.3	26.8	-0.7	1.90
Equity High Income	43.6	46.2●	+0.4	4.50
European Growth	31.8	33.7●	-0.3	2.00
General Equity	38.8	41.1	+0.6	2.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	27.4	28.9	+0.3	3.50
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.8	24.1●	+0.3	9.50
Index Securities	24.7	26.1	+0.2	2.30
Intl Inc Tst	24.4	25.9	+0.8	5.00
Japan Growth	35.1	37.2	+0.5	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.2	25.7	+0.3	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	48.9	51.7	-0.2	4.06
Extra Income	169.0	178.9	+1.5	5.23
Financial	173.0	183.7	+4.1	2.26
Gilt Strategy	56.5	58.3●	+0.2	1.97
Growth Investment	284.6	301.2	+3.7	2.55
Income & Growth	41.8	44.2●	+0.4	4.60
Japanese Growth	196.2	207.7	-0.2	0.60
Nth Amer Growth	107.4	113.7●	-2.2	1.43
Intl Recovery	115.4	122.1	-0.8	2.16
Smaller Co's	222.9	236.3	+1.2	1.61
Global Inc Tst	61.2	64.9●	-0.2	5.50
Special Sits Acc	290.9	307.9	+7.1	1.47
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	253.5	269.7	+3.0	4.85
Growth Trust	225.8	240.2	+3.6	3.00
American Trust	131.3	139.7	-1.2	0.72
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737 42424				
UK Income	48.2	51.5	+0.6	4.72
UK Growth Accum	49.4	52.8	+1.0	2.41
Do Dist	49.4	52.8	+1.0	2.41
European Growth	60.2	64.1	+0.2	1.89
Pacific Growth	56.5	60.4	+0.1	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	73.1	77.8●	-1.2	1.29
Capital Fund	101.9	108.5	+1.5	1.57
Growth & Inc Fund	131.1	139.6	+1.5	4.48
High Dist Fund	111.3	118.5●	+2.1	5.70
International Fund	214.5	228.4	+0.8	0.99
Resources Fund	25.3	26.9	-0.1	0.37
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.8	37.0	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	170.0	181.0	+1.2	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	150.3	154.4	+3.4	1.84
(Ex) Japan (3)	113.1	116.2●	+1.1	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	333.4	342.5	+1.8	0.29
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	204.2	208.6	-0.3	0.10
Eurofund	29.3	31.2	-0.2	3.21
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	70.3	74.8●	+0.5	3.18
Do Accum	72.1	76.8●	+0.6	3.10
UK Growth Accum	90.3	95.8	+1.4	2.14
UK High Inc Inc	68.1	72.3●	+0.9	4.83
N American Accum	69.7	74.3	-0.8	0.72
Far Eastern Accum	112.0	119.5	+0.9	0.85
European Accum	92.0	98.1	-0.6	1.17
UK Gilt & FI Inc	50.1	53.2●	+0.5	9.21
Do Accum	53.3	56.6●	+0.5	8.66
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admn Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	111.3	118.5	-0.1	3.02
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	75.6	80.5	+1.2	3.45
High Income Trust	75.8	80.7●	+0.7	5.61
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.1	52.3	+0.3	9.10
Tst Of Inv Trusts	72.6	77.3	+1.1	1.94
Special Sits Trust	76.1	81.0	+1.2	2.32
Nth Amer Trust	57.1	61.1	-0.7	1.63
Far Eastern Trust	100.3	106.8	+1.5	0.43
Intl Growth	56.1	59.7	-0.8	1.06
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	150.0	159.5	+2.2	3.34
Do Income	128.6	136.8	+1.9	3.34
Higher Inc Accum	232.5	258.6	+3.5	4.50
Do Income	199.5	212.2	+2.7	4.50
Gilt/Fixed Accum	94.3	99.2	+0.9	9.16
Do Income	78.09	82.10	+0.70	9.16
Nth Amer Tst Accum	137.9	146.8	-3.1	0.40
Far East Tst Accum	178.2	187.4	+1.4	0.09
Euro Tst Accum	174.8	185.9	-3.0	0.84
General Trust	239.8	254.8	+2.0	3.39
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	72.2	78.9	-1.1	0.22
Capital Fund	113.1	120.4	-0.8	0.34
UK Income Fund	77.3	82.3	+1.6	4.80
Far Eastern Fund	78.4	81.3	+0.1	0.00
Overseas Income	76.5	80.4●	-0.8	3.57
Fixed Interest	53.9	57.4●	+0.2	9.00
Natural Res Fund	48.8	52.0	-0.6	3.27
European Income	67.4	83.0	-1.9	2.72
Financials Fund	48.9	52.1	..	2.86
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	44.4	47.2	+0.2	1.40
Do Accum	45.3	48.2	+0.2	..
Income Gth Inc	40.8	43.4●	+0.4	5.30
Do Accum	43.7	46.5●	+0.4	..
Service Co's Inc	51.3	54.6●	-0.3	1.00
Do Accum	52.1	55.4●	-0.3	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	107.9	115.5●	-2.1	0.71
Amer Equity Income	36.5	39.0	-0.3	4.36
Amer Special Sits	55.1	59.0	-0.8	0.50
Australia	34.0	36.0	+1.2	1.91
European	45.8	48.5	+0.1	0.00
Far East Inc	36.7	38.5●	+0.7	3.96
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.8	30.0	+0.2	9.83
Growth & Income	95.7	102.4●	-0.3	4.66
Japan Special Sits	41.5	44.3	..	..
Japan	149.6	160.0	+3.0	..
Managed Intl	143.9	154.0	-0.4	0.29
Max Income Equity	83.0	88.8●	+1.5	5.06
Professional Gilt	33.2	35.6	+0.5	2.53
South East Asia	42.6	45.4	+0.5	0.20
Special Sits	174.5	186.7	+2.9	0.81
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£376.4	382.7	+8.04	1.40
Japan Exempt	£463.7	479.2	+16.63	0.06
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	217.4	230.0	-4.5	..
Do Accum	222.2	235.0	-4.5	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	207.0	219.0	-3.5	1.24
Do Accum	214.8	227.2	-3.5	1.24
Capital Tst Inc	204.0	215.8	+2.7	2.34
Do Accum	248.6	263.0	+3.3	2.34
Conv & Gilt Inc	89.0	94.0c	+1.0	5.26
Do Accum	118.4	125.2c	+1.5	5.26
Extra Inc Tst Inc	168.4	178.0	+1.6	4.57
Do Accum	182.4	193.0	+1.7	4.57
Income Trust	120.6	127.6●	+1.1	4.10
Do Accum	129.2	136.6●	+1.0	4.10
Int Growth Fd Inc	165.2	174.8	-1.4	..
Do Accum	183.6	194.2	-1.4	..
Japan & Gen Inc	95.6	101.0	+0.6	0.07
Do Accum	96.6	102.2	+1.1	0.07
Monthly Inc Fd	85.2	90.0●	+1.2	4.90
Recovery	148.2	156.8	+0.2	1.47
Do Accum	161.4	170.8	+0.2	1.47
European Inc	67.8	71.8	-0.2	0.81
Do Accum	67.8	71.8	-0.2	0.81
Financial Inc	48.8	51.6	..	1.00
Do Accum	48.8	51.6	..	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	197.7	209.8●	+2.7	2.79
Do Accum	332.9	353.3●	+4.5	2.79
FP Fixed Int Dist	104.1	110.7●	+1.2	6.49
Do Accum	123.9	130.6●	+1.4	6.49
Stewardship Dist	173.1	183.7●	+2.5	1.71
Do Accum	180.3	191.3●	+2.7	1.71
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	369.4	370.7	-1.1	2.69
Gross Inc	157.0	157.7c	+2.3	7.35
High Yield	228.0	229.1	+2.2	5.63
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	64.2	68.3	-0.8	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	101.9	108.5	+1.1	2.70
Do Accum	146.5	155.9	+1.7	2.70
Income Fund	79.1	84.2	+0.9	5.80
Pension Exempt	183.3	194.1	+0.7	1.70
International	177.2	188.6	-1.4	0.90
US & General	56.6	60.3●	-1.2	0.80
Tech & Growth	64.2	68.3	-0.8	1.10
Japan & General	248.3	264.2	-1.0	0.10
Far East & Gen	125.5	133.6●	+1.2	0.40
European Fund	280.2	298.1	-4.0	0.30
Germany Fund	77.4	82.4	-1.3	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	51.4	54.7●	+0.1	4.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	86.6	91.9	-2.0	0.29
Australian Trust	25.7	27.3	+0.1	0.17
British Tst Accum	62.9	66.9	+0.8	1.79
Do Dist	54.5	57.9	+0.7	1.79
Commodity Share	73.5	78.0●	-1.0	1.40
European Trust	57.3	60.9	-0.5	0.27
Extra Income Trust	50.1	53.2●	+0.9	5.03
Far Eastern Trust	151.1	160.4	+0.3	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.4	27.0	+0.4	10.60
Intl Fund Int Tst	24.7	26.3c	-0.1	0.79
Global Fund Accum	187.0	199.0●	-0.8	0.17
Do Dist	176.0	186.9●	-0.5	0.17
Gold Share Trust	16.0	17.2●	+0.6	1.42
Hedged American	31.9	33.6●	..	0.50
High Income Trust	146.3	155.3	+1.2	5.56
Hong Kong Trust	37.6	39.9	+0.8	1.20
Income Fund	80.0	84.9	+0.6	3.01
Insurance Agencies	248.55	251.92	+0.71	2.01
Japan Trust	139.3	147.9	+2.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	260.3	271.2	+2.1	2.21
Oil & Energy Trust	36.8	39.1	+1.9	1.87
Special Sits Trust	98.3	105.4	+0.4	0.81
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	75.7	80.4	+0.4	0.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	86.4	91.9●	+0.7	0.15
American Growth	66.8	71.0	-1.1	0.68
American Inc	73.4	78.0	-1.0	4.46
European Growth	242.5	257.9	-3.9	0.43
Gold & Minerals	47.3	50.5	+0.2	0.66
Japan Growth	159.8	170.0	+0.9	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	110.8	114.8	+0.9	9.76
Growth Equity	199.0	210.6●	+1.4	2.00
Guardhill	278.4	285.3	+1.7	2.89
N American	146.8	155.4	-5.1	1.25
Pacific	265.7	281.2	+4.1	0.09
Property Share	278.2	294.4	+2.2	1.35
Smaller Companies	218.5	231.3	+1.0	1.64
European Trust	278.6	294.9●	-1.4	0.96
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	51.1	54.9	+0.7	6.46
N Amer Trust	114.9	121.9	-1.7	0.75
Recovery	232.2	247.1	+4.7	2.04
Gilt Trust	36.3	37.5●	+0.3	9.64
St Vincent Inc	88.5	89.5	+1.4	5.35
St Vincent US Gth	74.5	77.7	-1.6	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	187.1	197.4	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	49.1	52.0	..	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217516				
Hambros Smlr Co's	136.8	144.9	+0.8	1.79
Hambros N Amer	66.9	70.9●	-1.3	0.82
Hambros Jap & F E	127.3	135.4	+1.7	0.44
Hambros Scandan	82.1	87.1	-2.4	0.86
Hambros European	108.5	115.1	-1.0	0.80
Hambros Canadian	50.2	53.3●	-0.3	1.22
Hambros Equity Inc	85.9	91.1●	+1.3	4.78
Hambros High Inc	59.9	63.5	+1.0	5.60
Hambros Res Assts	63.4	67.3	+0.3	1.80
Hambros Intl Sits	56.0	59.4	+0.3	0.84
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex Dealing 0277 217238 0277-217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	111.5	118.3●	-2.5	0.17
Amer Smaller Co's	61.4	65.0	-0.8	0.38
Australian	86.0	90.5	+1.7	1.17
Capital Growth Inc	65.2	69.4	+0.5	1.70
Do Accum	64.9	69.0	+0.8	1.70
European	278.0	295.7●	-3.2	0.70
Euro. Inc Tst	48.4	50.9	-0.8	4.05
Euro Smaller Co's	105.7	112.4	-0.6	0.09
Extra Income	174.0	185.3●	+2.9	4.29
Financial Trust	157.6	167.7●	+2.5	2.50
Fixed Interest Tst	51.5	54.7●	+0.2	10.29
Gilt Trust	40.5	42.9●	+0.4	9.48
Global Healthcare	74.6	79.3	+2.0	0.01
Global Resources	61.0	65.2	+1.8	1.03
Global Tech	113.0	120.3	-0.8	0.01
Global Inc & Gth	62.1	65.1●	-1.2	5.32
Gold	58.7	62.6	-1.0	2.47
High Income Tst	186.0	198.1●	+2.6	4.62
Hong Kong	70.1	74.6	+2.8	1.22
Income & Growth Inc	145.9	155.3●	+1.7	3.42
Do Accum	291.0	309.8●	+3.3	3.42
Income Assets	111.0	118.1	+1.1	3.26
International	187.4	200.4	+1.3	0.79
Japan Special Sits	185.5	197.4	+0.1	0.01
Japan Tst	179.8	191.3	+2.3	0.01
North American	145.9	155.0	-2.0	0.62
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.6	87.0	+0.8	1.15
Pref & Gilt	45.3	48.2●	+0.2	10.24
Recovery Tst	99.9	106.4	+1.8	2.64
Singapore & Malay	34.1	36.3	..	1.40
Smaller Co's Div	118.0	125.7●	+2.1	4.83
Special Sits Inc	132.7	141.3	+2.4	1.78
Do Accum	188.0	200.2	+3.6	1.78
Worldwide	381.3	401.4	+4.5	2.95
Euro Exempt	134.6	141.7	-1.8	1.57
Global Tech Exempt	92.9	97.6●	-1.4	1.05
High Income Exempt	123.7	130.2●	+2.0	4.45
Japan Exempt	176.9	186.0	+3.2	0.22
N Amer Exempt	88.2	92.8●	-1.3	1.84
Pacific Exempt	204.3	215.0●	+4.0	2.07
Smaller Co's Exempt	118.5	124.7●	+0.9	1.96
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	533.9	565.0●	+10.9	3.18
Capital Trust Units	103.0	109.0	-2.2	2.88
Dollar Trust Units	192.9	204.2	-3.9	2.87
European Trust	152.5	161.4	-1.4	0.95
Far East Trust	141.8	150.1c	+0.8	0.56
Financial Trust	370.5	392.1	+3.1	2.75
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	25.4	27.5●	+0.4	10.42
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	65.8	69.7●	+0.8	5.17
Income Trust	80.8	85.6●	-0.1	4.81
International	140.5	148.7	-1.3	1.74
Japan Tech Tst	39.3	42.3	+0.7	0.00
Natural Resources	37.3	39.5	-0.1	1.90
Security Trust	189.5	200.7	+3.5	3.27
Smaller Cos	89.5	94.9	+0.7	1.90
Special Sits	95.8	101.4	+1.3	2.46
US Smaller Cos	24.5	26.0	..	0.96
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	141.9	150.2●	-8.3	1.70
IBI Inc Plus	57.8	61.2	+1.1	9.10
IBI Capital Growth	58.6	62.1	+1.1	1.90
Investment Tst Fnd	76.4	80.9●	+0.9	3.36
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street, Manchester (03038) 93364				
Equity & Gen	44.5	47.5	+0.4	1.88
Gilts & Fix Int Fund	62.4	66.4	..	10.86
Higher Inc	118.2	128.4●	-1.4	5.06
Income	50.3	53.7●	+0.6	3.58
International	274.4	293.5●	-3.3	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON "SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD"				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Percy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	453.8	463.1	+7.4	5.24
International & Gen	267.6	273.1	+2.7	0.96
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	265.9	283.9	+3.1	2.77
Do Accum	422.0	449.9	+4.9	2.77
Do Income	62.3	66.3	+0.5	4.92
European	78.5	83.5	-0.3	1.54
Far Eastern	121.9	129.7	+2.0	0.70
Gilt Trust	70.7	74.6	+0.7	7.90
O'seas Equity	87.4	93.0●	-0.7	1.62
Natural Res	73.0	77.7	+0.5	1.81
N American Trust	83.2	88.5	-1.2	1.63
UK Special Sits	65.0	69.2c	+0.9	0.29
International Bond	47.3	50.3	-0.2	8.96
Japanese Tst	52.1	55.4	+0.2	0.90
Managed Tst	48.7	51.8	+0.4	2.90
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	183.0	194.6●	+3.7	3.23
Do Accum	330.2	351.2●	+6.7	3.23
Cont Euro Gth Inc	46.8	49.7	-1.5	0.45
Do Accum	46.8	49.7	-1.5	0.45
Energy Intl	56.4	60.0	+1.8	2.89
Do Accum	63.2	67.2	+2.0	2.89
Extra Income	160.3	170.5●	+3.5	5.18
Do Accum	293.9	312.6●	+6.5	5.18
German Gth Inc	75.0	79.9	-1.2	0.17
Do Accum	75.4	80.2	-1.1	0.17
Income	273.0	290.4	+4.0	4.67
Do Accum	548.5	583.5	+7.9	4.67
Intl Tech	197.0	209.5●	+0.5	0.24
Do Accum	208.1	213.2●	+0.5	0.24
Japan Growth	83.7	89.0	+1.6	0.02
Do Accum	84.0	89.3	+1.7	0.02
N Amer & Gen	108.1	115.0	-0.6	1.18
Do Accum	116.8	124.2	-0.8	1.18
Pacific Basin	147.8	157.2	+3.0	0.01
Do Accum	154.3	164.1	+3.1	0.01
Smaller Cos & Rec	194.0	206.3●	+0.7	2.09
Do Accum	219.1	233.0●	+0.8	2.09
Worldwide Growth	216.6	230.4●	+0.2	0.37
Do Accum	305.1	324.5●	+0.2	0.37
UK Growth Fund	48.6	51.6	+0.6	1.59
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	43.4	46.1●	+0.6	2.70
Income Trust	36.9	39.2	+0.5	6.20
International Trust	38.7	41.1	-0.2	0.80
American	33.8	35.9●	-0.6	2.00
Japan	49.0	52.0	+0.5	0.00
Trust of Inv	32.0	34.0	+0.5	2.10
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	227.9	240.4	-4.9	1.37
Do Accum	265.7	280.3	-5.7	1.37
Amer Recovery	244.6	257.8●	-3.2	0.58
Do Accum	267.3	282.0●	-2.6	0.50
Am Smaller Co Acc	57.3	60.4	-0.6	0.50
Australia Acc	123.5	132.1	+1.8	0.80
Commodity Acc	250.6	255.2	+0.4	2.87
Compound Growth	432.6	462.2	+3.5	3.21
Conversion Growth	339.0	362.7	+3.9	2.94
Do Inc	196.3	207.1	+3.5	5.73
Dividend Fund Inc	418.5	441.3●	+8.6	5.14
Do Accum	£12.58	13.27●	+0.26	5.14
European Acc	285.9	301.8	-4.6	0.97
Extra Yield Inc	235.1	248.0	+4.9	5.57
Do Accum	515.6	544.0	+10.7	5.57
Far Eastern Inc	164.9	174.0	+2.4	1.21
Do Accum	201.6	212.7	+2.8	1.21
Fund Of Inv Inc	264.6	279.1●	+4.3	2.86
Do Acc	419.5	442.6	+6.7	2.86
General Income	650.9	686.7c	+10.0	3.63
Do Accum	£13.80	14.56c	+0.21	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.3	58.1●	+0.4	10.06
Do Accum	87.0	91.3●	+0.6	10.06
Gold Income	45.5	48.5	-0.7	2.85
Do Accum	48.8	51.8	-0.8	2.85
High Income Inc	323.2	344.2●	+4.1	5.32
Do Accum	890.6	948.5	+18.6	5.32
Intl Growth Inc	793.5	837.1	-5.1	1.75
Do Accum	£12.77	13.47	-0.08	1.75
Intl Inc	82.4	85.8	+0.1	5.11
Japan Acc	867.5	915.2	-0.1	0.01
Japan Smaller Acc	86.3	91.5	-1.1	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	687.1	816.4●	+8.3	4.21
Do Accum	£14.84	15.85●	+0.23	4.21
Recovery Fund Inc	375.0	403.1c	+7.9	3.29
Do Accum	486.7	523.2	+10.2	3.29
Second Gen Inc	732.8	773.1●	-2.8	3.62
Do Accum	£14.67	15.48●	+0.17	3.62
Smaller Cos Inc	694.2	736.5	+6.8	2.86
Do Accum	£10.76	11.39	+0.10	2.86
Trustee Fund Inc	459.0	485.8	+5.0	4.21
Chartbond Inc (3)		102.4	●	+0.71	11.84
Charifund Inc (2)	404.9	409.0●	+2.4	5.79
Pension Exempt (1)	476.5	485.4	-1.8	4.25
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.3		●	+0.2	8.43
Do Accum (3)	470.0		●	+2.6	8.43
MGM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD Sales 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gth	58.5	60.4	..	0.41
Smaller Co's	141.8	150.5	+0.7	1.30
UK Market Features	86.1	91.5	+1.1	1.72
Do Accum	90.1	95.6	+1.1	1.72
General Funds				
UK Growth	37.3	39.8●	+0.4	2.20
High Income Funds				
Extra Income	58.1	61.8	+1.0	7.28
Gilt	24.3	25.6c	-0.2	9.30
Income & Growth	206.4	219.0●	+2.8	4.07
Nat High Inc	199.4	211.6	+3.3	4.81
Pref Shares	17.2	18.2●	..	10.93
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	142.6	151.3●	-0.6	2.29
Financial Secs	48.2	51.1●	+0.4	2.07
Gold	57.7	61.3	-2.0	0.57
Do Accum	59.9	64.2	-1.9	0.59
Intl Leisure	18.3	19.2●	-0.2	0.56
Prop Shares	66.0	70.0	+0.7	1.05
Univ Energy	41.0	43.5	+0.6	1.70
World Tech	43.2	45.8	-0.4	0.82
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	85.8	89.4	+1.3	3.58
Overseas Growth Fund				
American Growth	105.2	111.6	-1.7	3.01
Australian Growth	80.4	85.3	+1.8	1.44
European Perf	92.3	97.9	-1.5	0.91
Do Accum	92.5	98.1	-1.6	0.91
Euro Smaller Cos	17.2	18.2	-0.3	0.19
Far East	80.4	84.1	+0.3	0.70
Hong Kong	34.0	36.1	+0.9	1.84
Intl Growth	38.8	41.2●	-0.5	1.43
Intl Recovery	111.0	117.8	-0.2	2.51
Japan Perf	78.0	82.8	-1.5	0.00
Do Accum	78.0	82.8	-1.6	0.00
Japan Smaller	16.3	17.3	+0.1	0.00
US Small Co	68.0	72.2●	-0.8	0.00
Do Accum	68.8	73.0●	-0.9	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	57.8	61.3●	+0.3	4.90
US Income	80.8	84.3	-0.4	5.29
Do Accum	85.7	89.7	-0.5	4.88
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	68.3	70.0	+0.2	10.56
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	25.0	26.4	-0.4	0.94
MLA General	33.4	35.4●	+0.4	2.11
MLA International	39.4	42.9	-0.2	0.84
MLA Gilt Unit	21.8	23.1●	+0.2	11.25
MLA Income	42.8	45.3●	+1.0	4.97
MLA European	32.0	33.9	-0.3	0.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	78.1	80.9	+1.2	2.99
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.9	108.5	+1.9	7.85
High Income Units	116.4	123.7	+1.4	4.54
High Yield Gilt Unt	57.4	59.4	+0.4	9.01
Intl Growth Units	144.0	153.0	-2.6	0.36
N American Units	74.2	78.8	-0.7	0.76
Far East Units	100.5	106.8	+1.5	0.05
Smaller Cos Fund	74.0	78.5	+1.0	1.99
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-534 5544				
Mencap	135.4	143.2	+1.0	4.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	97.9	103.5●	-1.3	0.96
Do Accum	102.1	108.0●	-1.4	0.95
Amer Income	52.1	55.1	-0.3	3.73
Do Accum	55.6	58.8	-0.3	3.73
European Growth	143.3	151.5	-0.8	0.58
Do Accum	148.4	157.0	-0.7	0.58
General	248.2	260.5	+1.9	2.09
Do Accum	404.2	427.5	+3.0	2.09
Gilt & Fixed	80.2	80.6●	+0.9	7.92
Do Accum	93.6	94.0●	+1.1	7.92
Income	86.1	91.1	+0.6	4.43
Do Accum	97.0	102.6	+0.5	4.43
International	271.5	287.2c	-1.8	1.88
Do Accum	336.7	356.2c	-1.9	1.88
Japan	185.9	196.6	-0.3	0.00
Do Accum	190.1	201.1	-0.4	0.00
Recovery	204.7	216.6●	+2.5	2.18
Do Accum	220.8	233.6●	+2.7	2.18
Exempt Dist	243.5	249.7	+8.2	2.67
Exempt Accum	377.7	387.3	+13.0	2.67
Euro Inc Fund Ic	82.7	87.5c	+0.1	3.42
Do Accum	84.2	89.0c	+0.1	3.42
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	78.1	82.6	+0.9	2.33
Do Accum	106.0	112.7	+1.2	2.33
Commodity & Gen	129.2	137.1●	+0.4	2.76
Do Accum	184.0	195.2●	+0.7	2.76
Extra High Inc	58.8	62.3	+0.2	8.09
Do Accum	68.6	73.6	+0.3	8.09
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.7	51.9●	+0.6	9.77
Do Accum	84.1	87.8●	+1.0	9.77
High Yield	158.7	168.2●	+1.4	5.74
Do Accum	272.1	288.6●	+2.4	5.74
Income	174.5	185.1	+1.5	3.82
Do Accum	288.9	306.5	+2.2	3.82
Japan & Pacific	304.0	322.5	+1.4	0.20
Do Accum	318.9	338.3	+1.5	0.20
N American Inc	116.8	123.7●	-2.6	1.47
Do Accum	140.2	148.8●	-3.1	1.47
Euro Gth Inc	135.8	144.0●	-1.5	1.37
Do Accum	163.5	173.4●	-1.9	1.37
Managed Portfolio	53.6	56.7	..	3.57
Smaller Cos Inc	120.3	127.5	+1.2	2.41
Do Accum	128.2	136.2	+1.3	2.41
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	123.3	131.6	-2.2	2.89
European	271.4	289.7	-1.6	1.15
Smaller Cos	223.9	239.0●	+2.4	0.84
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	198.5	212.3●	+1.9	3.10
Do Accum	325.8	346.5●	+3.1	3.10
NPI Overseas	632.9	673.3	-2.4	1.10
Do Accum	775.0	824.5	-2.9	1.10
Far East Acc	95.6	101.6	+0.5	0.60
American Acc	62.5	66.5●	-1.5	1.40
European Acc	58.4	62.2	-1.3	0.40
Worldwide Acc	54.9	58.5	-0.2	1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£12.23	12.88	+0.15	3.88
Intl Trust	142.0	149.5	-2.5	2.12
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	149.8	159.5	-1.5	0.35
Income & Growth	59.4	63.2	+0.8	3.69
Worldwide Rec	94.7	100.8●	+1.0	0.86
American Growth	33.5	35.7	-0.5	..
Japan Growth	55.4	59.0●	-0.5	0.00
European Growth	74.4	79.2	-1.4	0.03
UK Growth	54.3	57.8●	+1.0	1.85
Pacific Growth	47.4	50.5●	-0.5	..
High Income	34.7	36.9	+0.3	7.35
Practical Income	62.0	66.0	+0.9	1.88
Do Accum	113.8	121.1	+1.7	1.88
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	91.4	97.2	+0.1	2.36
Do Accum	137.2	146.0	+0.7	2.36
Income Fund	123.7	131.5	+1.3	3.62
Intl Equity Inc	141.6	150.6	-0.2	1.28
Do Accum	142.8	151.9	-0.2	1.28
Unit Trust Inc	129.7	138.0●	+1.1	2.86
Do Accum	226.9	241.4●	+1.8	2.86
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	281.1	300.1	-3.1	0.74
Income	191.5	204.0	+0.7	4.84
Worldwide Rec	154.4	164.8	-2.8	1.39
Amer Growth	67.8	72.2	-4.6	0.81
Intl Emerg Co's	80.8	86.4	-0.4	0.56
Far East Grwth	84.7	90.5●	+0.4	0.66
European Gth	60.3	64.4●	-2.9	1.29
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	125.5	133.6	-0.4	0.90
High Income	83.3	88.6●	+1.0	4.16
Conv Gilt	97.8	104.1●	+0.8	8.02
Far Eastern	185.7	198.7	+3.1	0.02
North American	130.5	138.6	-0.1	0.07
Special Sits	70.8	75.3●	+0.8	1.65
Technology	116.5	124.6●	-1.8	0.00
Extra Income	90.8	97.2c	+1.7	4.51
Euro Gth & Inc	47.9	51.0	+0.3	3.14
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	403.5	427.0	+5.4	3.08
European	110.5	116.9●	-1.2	0.32
Holborn Comms	52.6	55.9	-0.2	0.67
Holborn High Inc	84.8	89.5●	+1.3	5.27
Holborn Intl	105.9	112.0	-0.6	0.75
Japanese	106.7	112.9	+1.9	0.05
N American	77.4	81.8●	-0.7	0.80
Holborn Spec Sits	94.3	99.1●	+0.3	1.95
Holborn UK Growth	81.5	86.2	+1.3	2.01
Holborn Gilt Trust	181.3	186.9	+2.1	2.48
Holborn Smlr Cos	50.2	53.1	+0.7	2.16
Holborn Eqty Inc	48.0	50.7	..	5.03
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	444.4	470.3	+3.3	2.77
Quadrant Income	247.0	261.4	+3.2	5.31
Quadrant Intl Fd	419.1	443.5	-2.0	1.57
Quadrant Recovery	278.5	294.9	+5.6	2.37
ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	88.9	94.5●	+1.7	3.98
NC Japan	194.6	207.0	+1.7	0.01
NC Major UK Co	51.2	54.4●	+0.2	2.21
NC Smaller Aos	67.5	71.9	+2.5	1.31
NC American Inc	283.1	301.1	-4.9	1.16
Do Accum	309.0	328.7	-5.4	1.16
NC Smaller Cos	142.6	151.7	-0.3	1.69
NC Smlr Europ Co's	197.2	209.7●	-3.1	0.33
NC Exempt Gilt	£116.0	121.0●	..	8.44
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-606 5878				
Americas (4)	228.5	232.5	..	1.98
Securities (2)	728.5	743.5	+16.0	2.30
High Yield (5)	175.0	178.5●	+7.5	6.50
Merlin (3)	418.0	434.0	-14.0	1.38
Fixed Interest	155.5	159.5	+2.0	2.56
High Interest	112.5	113.5c	+0.51	3.49
Far East (2)	248.0	249.5	+11.5	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	81.1	84.5●	+0.6	2.85
Intl Trust	79.2	82.8	-0.5	1.57
Gilt Trust	24.0	25.2●	+0.3	9.12
US Trust	34.8	36.8	-0.6	1.73
Pacific Basin Tst	46.9	49.8	+0.6	0.46
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND 20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	114.5	121.3●	+0.7	1.84
Do Accum	161.8	171.3●	+1.1	1.84
High Income Trust	91.2	96.6c	+1.8	4.37
Do Accum	108.4	114.8c	+1.9	4.37
US Growth	58.2	61.6	-1.5	0.93
Do Accum	58.5	62.5	-1.6	0.93
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	85.0	90.5	..	0.82
Gilt Income	52.2	55.0c	+0.3	9.41
High Income	79.9	85.1●	+0.6	4.85
Income & Growth	98.8	105.2●	+1.2	4.25
Japan Growth	96.1	102.3	+1.3	0.03
Special Sits	112.9	120.2	+0.8	1.26
UK Growth Tst	43.9	46.8a	+0.9	2.17
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	68.8	73.1●	-0.7	7.04
Capital Units	107.4	114.2c	-0.3	1.20
Commodity	56.8	60.4	-0.3	0.76
European Growth	121.9	129.6●	-0.6	0.57
Financial Secs	98.6	104.8●	+0.5	1.95
High Return Units	187.8	199.7	+2.3	4.89
High Yield Units	167.0	177.6	+1.3	4.24
Income Units	95.5	101.5	+1.1	5.78
Investment Trust	94.5	100.5	+1.3	2.80
Japan Growth	103.2	109.7	+0.9	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	121.5	129.2	..	0.00
	30.9	32.8c	+0.1	2.77
Masterfund	133.7	142.2	+0.7	2.88
Scotbits	151.5	161.2●	+3.7	4.74
Scotshares	158.0	163.9	+1.7	4.51
Scotyields				1.10
Select International	83.1	88.4	+1.1	4.34
Smaller Co's Inc	162.8	173.1	+0.9	1.71
Special Situations	98.1	104.3	+2.8	2.87
UK Equity	181.9	193.5	-1.5	1.27
US Growth	75.8	80.7	-0.4	1.12
Universal Growth	93.0	98.9		
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	138.5	147.3●	-2.3	0.77
Australia Acc	81.6	87.2	+1.5	1.14
European Inc	130.9	139.2	-1.3	0.81
Do Accum	135.0	143.6	-1.4	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.0	54.8	+0.7	9.18
Gold Fund Inc	41.5	44.2	+1.0	1.70
Do Accum	43.8	46.6	+1.1	1.70
Income	179.7	191.1●	+2.2	5.14
Intl Income	122.6	130.4●	+0.1	0.32
Do Accum	169.7	180.5●	+0.2	0.32
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	135.3	143.9	-0.4	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	69.2	73.6●	-0.3	0.78
Smaller Co Inc Acc	137.0	145.7●	+0.7	1.16
Special Sits Inc	108.7	115.6	+1.3	0.48
Do Accum	113.5	120.7	+1.4	0.48
Tokyo Fund Inc	240.9	256.2	+0.8	0.00
Do Accum	243.3	258.8	+0.4	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	52.9	56.2●	-0.8	0.00
UK Equity Inc	104.8	111.4	+1.6	3.25
Do Accum	132.6	172.9	+2.4	3.25
Far East Gth Accum	64.5	68.6	+1.1	0.50
Extra Inc	82.7	88.5●	+0.5	7.45
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-35 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 5776/6711				
UK Equity Inc	25.2	26.5	+0.4	4.88
Do Acc	25.5	26.8	+0.4	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.4	31.3●	-0.3	0.27
Do Acc	29.4	31.3●	-0.3	..
Global Gth Inc	29.3	31.2●	-0.3	0.70
Do Acc	29.4	31.3●	-0.2	..
Managed Exempt	121.8	128.9	..	3.00
Pacific Basin	24.1	25.6	-0.1	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	155.0	164.9	-0.2	2.75
Do Accum	233.8	248.8	-0.8	2.75
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	179.3	191.8	+1.4	1.83
American	153.0	163.7	-1.4	1.28
Pacific	205.2	219.5	+2.1	0.05
European	234.4	238.9	-2.2	0.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	169.2	180.1	+2.4	2.97
Gilt & Fixed	108.9	115.9	+1.6	9.02
UK Smlr Co's Eq	151.9	161.6	+1.5	2.21
European	219.2	233.2	-5.1	0.97
N American	120.0	127.7	-1.7	1.52
Pacific	198.9	211.6	+2.4	0.39
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	71.5	78.0	+0.8	0.00
World Growth	40.0	42.5●	..	0.74
N American	33.4	35.5	-0.6	0.00
Income Fund	45.7	48.6●	+0.3	4.91
European	48.4	51.4	-0.6	0.77
N Amer Inc	27.8	29.6	-0.3	1.80
UK Growth	31.2	33.2	+0.5	2.04
Extra Inc	32.4	34.4●	+0.3	5.71
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	231.4	246.3	+2.4	2.90
Do Accum	270.4	287.8	+2.9	2.90
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	102.8	108.5	-2.9	0.54
Pacific	217.8	232.0	+6.0	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	171.2	182.3	+1.7	4.54
Special Situations	228.2	242.9●	+7.7	1.49
Intl Growth	82.1	87.1	-2.4	0.88
American Majors	72.0	76.7●	-1.6	1.28
Small Co's	42.2	44.9	+0.3	1.87
Japan Tech & Gen	111.9	119.2	-0.1	0.00
International Income	57.7	61.5●	+0.2	5.63
Exempt	582.3	609.8	-0.2	2.25
UK General	34.7	36.9●	+0.3	3.63
Euro Growth	42.3	45.0	-0.2	0.32
Euro Income	48.3	51.4●	-0.1	4.00
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.8	26.4	+0.4	2.64
Do Accum Units	27.8	29.6	+0.4	2.64
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	226.1	240.9●	-2.5	1.48
Do Accum	255.6	272.3●	-2.7	1.48
Do Withdrawal	156.3	166.5●	-1.8	1.48
Australian Fund	138.9	147.9	+2.9	0.63
Do Accum	141.2	150.4	+2.9	0.63
British Fund	589.5	627.8	-1.8	4.45
Do Accum	808.3	860.9	-2.5	4.45
European Fund	333.0	354.7	-3.0	0.49
Do Accum	351.3	374.2	-3.2	0.49
Japan Fund	65.9	70.2	+0.3	0.21
Do Accum	66.2	70.5	+0.3	0.21
Swiss PPP	175.6	185.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	391.9	414.7	+5.8	2.85
N Am Trust Acc	62.6	66.6	-1.2	1.45
Far East Trust Acc	93.4	99.3	+2.0	0.04
Worldwide Bond	52.0	55.3	-0.3	6.53
European	55.3	58.8	-1.1	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	49.8	52.6	+2.6	6.51
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no:01-930 2602				
UK Income	25.1	26.7	+0.3	4.85
Do Growth	24.0	25.5	+0.3	2.99
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	119.4	127.1	-0.5	1.80
Do Accum	125.4	133.5	-0.6	1.80
Extra Income Inc	118.1	125.7	+1.8	6.28
Do Accum	141.6	150.7	+2.1	5.29
General Unit Inc	159.3	169.5	+2.5	2.90
Do Accum	262.3	279.1	+4.0	2.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	45.3	47.2	+0.2	9.48
Do Accum	61.0	63.6	+0.3	9.48
Income	217.7	231.6●	+2.2	4.56
Accum	345.2	367.3●	+3.5	4.56
Pacific Inc	187.6	199.6	+2.5	0.50
Do Accum	193.7	206.1	+2.5	0.50
Intl Inc	345.2	367.2	-0.4	1.05
Do Accum	429.3	456.7	-0.5	1.05
Selected Opps Inc	66.6	70.9	+0.8	1.83
Do Accum	73.6	78.3	+0.8	1.83
Natural Res	55.0	58.6●	+0.2	1.62
Do Accum	57.1	60.8	+0.3	1.62
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	74.7	79.3●	-1.4	0.09
Australian	22.5	23.9	+0.4	0.10
Commodity	84.7	89.9	+0.4	1.90
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	127.9	136.1●	-0.8	3.61
European Spec Sits	119.1	126.4	-1.3	0.84
Extra Income	117.1	124.4	+1.2	5.73
Financial	272.8	285.5	+3.5	1.82
Gilt Income	94.3	98.6●	+1.5	8.79
Gold Income	72.2	76.3●	-0.1	0.63
Do Accum	137.4	146.8●	+0.4	6.65
Income	82.2	92.6●	+1.6	4.31
Japan	104.5	111.0	+0.4	0.10
Malay & Singapore	24.9	26.6		3.82
Pacific Inc	112.9	120.0	+1.5	0.88
Do Reinvest	138.7	147.5	+1.8	0.88
Pref Share Fc	17.2	18.3	+0.1	9.87
UK Capital	71.7	76.3	+5.6	1.33
Special Sits	87.4	92.8	+2.0	0.67
Technology	47.8	50.8	-0.3	0.10
World Income	63.9	67.9		4.17
Worldwide Capital	149.3	158.8	-0.2	1.13
Equity Ex (3)	50.4	53.9●	-0.1	1.97
Do Accum (3)	166.7	177.6●		1.97
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	67.4	72.0	+0.8	0.70
Japan & Gen	53.7	57.4	+0.7	0.08
Nth Amer & Gen	50.3	53.7	-0.3	0.94
Oriental Inc	54.7	58.5	+2.8	0.86
Pacific Tech	73.9	79.0	+1.0	0.84
Tiger	41.7	44.5	+0.7	3.76
UK & Gen	24.9	26.4	+0.4	2.94
Oriental Acc				
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3358				
Smaller Co's	64.5	68.6	-0.8	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	41.4	44.0	-0.9	0.50
General Growth	51.1	54.7	+1.5	1.69
Global Tech	47.6	50.9●	-0.4	0.10
Income Growth	61.9	65.8	+1.0	4.75
Income Monthly	47.3	50.5●	+0.5	6.41
Japan Growth	49.8	53.3●	+0.6	0.12
Man Equity Inc	24.4	25.9	+0.4	2.36
Do Accum	24.4	25.9	+0.4	2.36
O'seas Growth	51.9	55.5●	-0.5	0.78
Smaller Cos	84.9	89.0	+1.1	2.36
Special Opps	76.6	81.9	+0.7	2.01
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Australian	69.1	73.9●	+1.3	0.84
Capital	322.0	341.1●	+5.2	3.18
Europa Growth Acc	118.7	126.4	-2.1	0.85
Exempt	295.9	313.5●	+3.0	5.45
Far Eastern	195.0	208.6	+2.2	0.32
Fin & Prop	58.5	62.0	+1.9	3.00
Gilt Capital	112.8	116.4	+0.5	7.12
Gilt Income	95.5	99.1●	+0.4	10.88
High Yield	55.8	59.1	-0.7	5.80
Income	242.1	258.5●	+3.6	4.77
Intl Earnings	162.1	171.7	+1.9	2.73
Intl Growth Inc	85.1	90.6	-0.3	0.77
Japan Growth Acc	763.6	808.9●	+11.5	4.77
Nat Resources Inc	202.3	215.4	+0.4	1.51
Nth Amer Gth Inc	117.5	125.7	-1.9	0.85
Preference Inc	112.3	118.0●	-0.1	10.81
Small Co's Div Inc	61.8	65.5	+1.5	5.86
Small Co's Inc	204.8	216.9	+3.2	1.78
Special Sits Inc	107.6	114.0●	+1.2	1.89
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	122.5	129.9	+1.1	..
Pacific Basin	169.3	179.4	+2.0	..
N Amer	127.0	134.6	-2.5	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2466				
Growth Inc	189.1	201.1	+2.4	2.37
Do Accum	278.8	296.5	+3.5	2.37
High Yield	209.5	222.8	+2.7	5.02
Do Accum	214.2	227.8	+2.8	5.02
Special Sits	41.7	44.3	+0.6	2.50
Do Accum	42.0	44.6	+0.6	2.50
Trustee	138.4	147.2c	+1.4	4.21
Do Accum	212.5	226.0	+2.0	4.21
Amer & Gen	64.0	68.1	-1.0	1.81
Do Accum	64.2	68.4	-0.9	1.81
Master Portfolio	£63.21	64.63	-0.05	2.39
Do Accum	£63.76	65.39	-0.05	2.39
Abing Rdm Asts (5)	125.7	133.8	+1.0	2.23
Do Accum	128.6	134.7	+1.0	2.23
Far East & Gen Inc	58.2	62.0	+0.8	0.00
Do Accum	58.2	62.0	+0.8	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.0	53.2	-0.6	0.73
Do Acc	50.0	53.2	-0.6	0.73
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	67.5	72.4	-0.8	1.78
Far East & Gen	120.9	128.0	+1.4	0.50
Intl Growth	78.9	83.5	+0.4	0.80
Income Trust	85.3	91.3	+1.0	5.30
Japan Growth	138.0	147.6	+3.7	0.10
Smaller Companies	110.9	118.7	-0.5	2.19
Technology	38.1	40.7	..	0.10
Australia	49.5	53.0	+0.6	1.60
UK Trust	136.7	144.7●	+1.8	2.50
European Growth	61.0	64.8	-0.5	0.20
Hong Kong	31.8	33.5	+1.4	1.60
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	28.5	30.3	+0.8	0.15
Pacific Basin	22.3	23.7●	+0.3	0.29
Canadian Bal Gth	58.0	61.7	-1.1	0.00
Ginma Mas Fnd	£103.4	107.7●		6.80
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Hosey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	68.7	69.8	+0.1	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	451.8	52.1	-0.1	..
Challenger	48.5	49.9	-0.3	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	49.3	52.5●	+0.5	7.49
Income	57.1	60.8	+1.0	4.64
Growth	55.8	59.4	+0.9	2.06

The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15	8½	A & M Gp	13½	14½	+1½	0.6e	4.3	20.0
65	45	ATA Selection	54	58	●-2	2.1	3.8	15.0
136	98	Abbeycrest	133	136	●+2	3.6	2.7	18.2
64	33	Aberdeen Stk Hse	45	50		1.7e	3.5	13.4
143	45	Access Satellite				4.6		
108	34	Acorn Comp	38	41	+1			2.8
32	8½	Acquis Jewellery	15	16				9.1
22	14	Adam Leisure	14	16				1.9
132	90	Airspring	99	103		8.1	8.0	
276	121	Anglia Secure Hms	264	267	-2	2.3	0.9	31.9
121	58	Antler	110	114				
165	132	Appleyard	147	152		2.9	1.9	14.4
388	210	App Holographics	358	380	-2			
320	185	Do Wrnts	305	315				
151	138	Ashtead	148	153	+3	4.3	2.8	15.8
355	162	Aspen Comms	313	318	+1	4.4	1.4	32.9
169	102	Aspirnoll	107	108	-½	8.6	8.0	5.7
620	440	Asprey	580	590	+20	14.3	2.5	18.5
40	27	Assoc Energy	30	32				7.7
233	155	ASD	165	175		11.4	6.7	7.3
151	122	Atlas Equipment	147	152	-1	7.0	4.7	13.6
95	61	Automagic	88	93		8.6	9.5	16.5
70	64	BBB Design	65	68		1.4	2.1	16.1
44½	43	BCE	42½	44				
228	185	BPP	205	218		7.1	3.4	17.0
85	70	BTS Grp	72	76	-2	5.7	7.7	8.7
120	39	Bedford (William)	108	113		6.4	5.8	10.3
28	15¼	Bennett & Fountain	24	25	●+½	0.7	2.9	20.8
53	37	Bensons Crisps	43	48				12.9
17½	9	Berkeley & Hay	16½	17	-¼			28.9
90	26	Berkeley Exp	62	64				8.8
123	122	Barry Birch & Noble	120	123		6.0	4.9	14.2
143	141	Bicton & Battersea	140	145				
24	10	Bio Isolates	14	16	+1			
34	18	Biomechanics	24	26	-1			

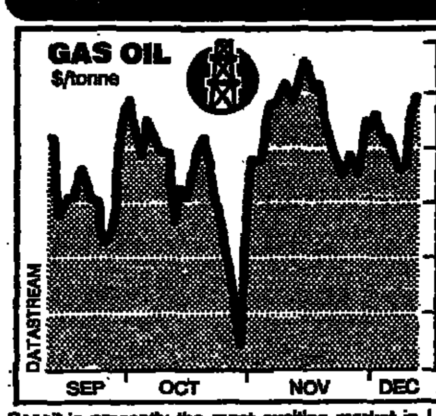
INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
129	108½	Abtrust	126	128	-1	3.6	2.8	24.8
882	683	Alliance	858	864	+2	31.8	3.7	41.2
152	124	Amer Trust	148	151		4.4	2.9	41.8
404	333	Ang Amer Sec	394	398		8.9	2.2	62.4
119	94	Atlantic Assets	110	112	-1	0.9	0.8	84.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	34½	American Express	40¾	..	-⅞			
90	42	Argyle	88	91	+3	1.4	1.6	48.1
38	21	Boustead	27	30				78.4
154	120	Britannia Arrow	145	147	●-1	6.0	4.1	17.1
24	15½	Daily Mail	23½	24½		70.0	2.9	16.9
21	15½	Do 'A'	20½	21½		70.0	3.3	14.8
208	152	Smith New Court	153	158	●+1	10.0	6.5	7.6

COMMODITIES



Gasoil is presently the most exciting market in London. Despite considerable oversupply, the prospect of an agreement at the Opec conference in Geneva has led to a rally in prices. Opec is clearly the key to future movement: charts, however, have turned bullish.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Jan 82.0-82.75
Feb 82.5-83.50
Mar 82.0-83.50
Apr unq.-80.50
Vol: 18

GAS OIL
Jan 135.00-34.75
Feb 139.00-38.75
Mar 139.50 BYR
Apr 136.00-35.50
May 134.00-32.50
Jun 137.00-31.00
Jul 137.00-31.00
Aug 137.00-30.00
Sep 137.00-30.00
Vol: 4400

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report
SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar 140.4-40.2
May 144.4-44.2
Aug 148.6-48.0
Oct 152.6-52.2
Dec 155.6-55.0
Mar 165.6-64.0
Vol: 4420

COCOA
Dec 1402-00
Mar 1437-35
May 1463-61
Jul 1485-84
Sep 1507-05
Dec 1535-33
Mar 1563-60
Vol: 802

COFFEE
Jan 1865-63
Mar 1786-85
May 1796-92
Jul 1825-20
Sep 1865-50
Nov 1890-50
Jan 1900-60
Vol: 2784

SOYABEAN
Feb 128.8-28.0
Apr 128.6-28.3
Jun 125.0-24.8
Aug 124.0-23.8
Oct 125.5-24.5
Dec 126.0-25.0
Vol: 229

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 932.00-933.00
Three Months . 951.50-952.00
Vol 10000
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 903.00-904.00
Three Months . 929.50-930.00
Vol 600
Tone Quiet

LEAD
Cash 359.00-360.00
Three Months . 325.00-325.50
Vol 350
Tone Steady But Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 540.00-541.00
Three Months . 537.00-537.50
Vol 650
Tone Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 380.50-381.50
Three Months . 391.00-392.00
Vol Nil
Tone Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 380.50-381.50
Three Months . 391.00-392.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 791.00-792.00
Three Months . 805.00-805.50
Vol 3300
Tone Barely Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2480-2485
Three Months 2538-2542
Vol 384
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 15
GB: Cattle, 94.26p per kg lw (-3.12)
GB: Sheep 217.37p per kg est dcw (+4.58)
GB: Pigs, 78.97p per kg lw (-0.23)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 31.4 %, ave. price, 94.06p(-3.86)
Sheep nos. up 4.9 %, ave. price, 218.17p(+4.19)
Pig nos. up 8.4 %, ave. price, 78.89p(-0.28)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 32.3 %, ave. price, 95.36p (-0.17)
Sheep nos. down 17.4 %, ave. price, 214.83p(+5.41)
Pig nos. up 48.0 %, ave. price, 83.13p(+2.23)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo
Month Open Close
Feb 95.00 95.00
Apr 95.00 95.00
Jun 96.00 96.00
Aug 95.00 95.00
Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo
Month Open Close
Feb 96.00 96.00
Apr 100.00 100.00
Jun 100.00 100.00
Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	109.95	111.50
Mar	112.75	114.05
May	115.10	114.80
Jul	117.40	unq.
Sep	101.45	100.75
Nov	103.50	103.55

Vol: Wheat 94
Barley 16

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	108.30	107.00
Apr	156.90	149.70
May	176.50	168.50
Nov	87.50	88.00

Vol: 1250

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	700.0-690.0	691.50
Apr 87	728.0-720.0	722.00
Jul 87	628.0-622.0	623.0
Oct 87	733.0-733.0	726.0

Vol: 69 lots Open Intst: 1886
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
706.0 up 0.6 on 12/12/86

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Early gains trimmed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 8. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day January 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
2	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
3	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
4	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Redfearn Glass	Industrials L-R	
6	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
7	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
8	Hill Samuel	Banks, Discount	
9	Highland Elect	Electricals	
10	Appledore	Industrials A-D	
11	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
12	Prop & Rev	Property	
13	Foward Tech	Electricals	
14	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
15	Unigate	Foods	
16	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Eurotherm	Electricals	
18	Holt Lloyd	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Burton	Drapery,Stores	
20	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
21	Caparo Ind	Industrials A-D	
22	Nu-Swift Inds	Industrials L-R	
23	Schroders	Banks,Discount	
24	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
25	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
26	Rosehaugh	Property	
27	Lamont	Textiles	
28	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
29	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stores	
31	Gt Western Res	Oil	
32	Egerton Trust	Property	
33	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
34	ML H dgs	Industrials L-R	
35	Triton Europe	Oil	
36	Aus Oil & Gas	Oil	
37	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
38	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
39	Benchmark	Banks,Discount	
40	Trafford Park	Property	
41	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
42	Mercury Intl	Banks,Discount	
43	Br Land	Property	
44	Connells	Property	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £24,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for +43 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
103	85½	Exch 13¼% 1987	100¾	..	13.2	11.181
100¾	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1987	99¾	..	10.3	11.229
96⅞	92¼	Exch 2½% 1987	96¾	..	2.5	8.431
99½	95½	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅞	..	10.5	11.169
98¼	93⅝	Fund 6½% 1985-87	98⅜	..	6.6	9.884
101¼	95⅝	Treas 10% 1987	99⅛	..	10.1	11.232
97½	90⅝	Treas 3% 1987	97	● ..	3.1	8.511
104½	94¼	Treas 12% 1987	100½	..	11.9	11.280
99⅞	92⅝	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	96⅝	..	8.0	10.685
104⅝	93⅝	Exch 10½% 1988	99	..	10.6	11.289
102⅝	93⅞	Treas C9¾% 1988	97⅛	-⅛	10.0	11.253
94⅞	88⅝	Treas 3% 1978-88	92⅝	●+⅛	3.2	8.192
102⅝	92⅝	Treas 9½% 1988	97	..	9.6	11.246
107⅞	93⅝	Treas 11½% 1989	100⅝	..	11.4	11.314
105⅞	93¼	Treas 10½% 1989	98⅝	..	10.7	11.261
104½	93	Exch 10% 1989	97	..	10.3	11.273
111⅛	94⅞	Exch 10½% 1989	100⅞	+⅛	10.2	9.976
107½	59⅞	Exch 11% 1989	99⅝	..	11.1	11.217
93⅝	84½	Treas 5% 1986-89	89	..	5.6	9.449
103⅝	92¼	Treas C9½% 1989	96⅛	..	9.9	11.273
92	82¾	Treas 3% 1989	88⅝	-⅛	3.4	8.134
114¼	97⅝	Treas 13% 1990	104⅝	●-⅛	12.4	11.330
86½	76⅛	Exch 2½% 1990	81¼	+⅛	3.1	8.192
108¼	94¼	Exch 11% 1990	99¼	-⅛	11.1	11.230
113¼	100	Exch 12½% 1990	103¼	-⅛	12.1	11.254
89⅛	79⅞	Treas 3% 1990	84¼	+⅛	3.6	8.444
100⅝	88⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	92⅞	●-⅛	8.9	10.686
106⅛	92¼	Treas 10% 1990	96	-⅛	10.4	11.251
86¼	76⅞	Exch 2½% 1990	81¼	+⅛	3.1	8.244
97⅞	85⅝	Treas C10% 1991	97	●-⅛	10.3	8.524
112⅝	95⅝	Treas 11¾% 1991	101⅞	●-⅛	11.5	10.945
94¼	84½	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	86⅝	-⅛	6.6	11.123
110⅝	97¼	Exch 11% 1991	99⅞	..	11.0	8.590
86⅛	78⅞	Treas 3% 1991	79⅞	..	3.8	

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
118⅝	103	Treas 12¾% 1992	105⅝	-⅛	12.0	11.194
107⅝	91½	Treas 10% 1992	95¼	-⅛	10.5	11.164
109⅝	92¼	Treas C10½% 1992	97⅝	-⅛	10.8	11.166
117½	100⅝	Exch 12¼% 1992	104	-⅛	11.8	11.224
123½	102½	Exch 13½% 1992	109⅛	-⅛	12.4	11.265
108	92	Treas 10% 1993	95	-⅛	10.5	11.089
121⅝	98½	Treas 12½% 1993	105⅝	●-⅛	11.8	11.230
91⅝	79⅝	Fund 6% 1993	82⅝	-⅛	7.3	9.620
128	105¼	Treas 13¾% 1993	111⅝	-⅛	12.3	11.254
133⅛	104⅛	Treas 14½% 1994	116⅛	-⅛	12.5	11.184
122¼	97⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	-⅛	11.8	11.291
127¼	106⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	111	-⅛	12.2	11.282
103⅝	88⅝	Treas 9% 1994	89⅝	-⅛	10.0	10.936
120	100⅝	Treas 12% 1995	104	-⅛	11.5	11.233
78⅝	71⅝	Gas 3% 1990-95	74⅝	-⅛	4.8	7.152
110⅝	91⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	85⅝	●+⅛	10.8	11.130
126	102⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	108⅝	-⅛	11.7	11.160
133⅝	111½	Treas 14% 1996	115	..	12.2	11.303
103⅝	86⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	89⅝	-⅛	10.1	10.833
142⅝	114	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅝	-⅛	12.5	11.340
130⅝	104⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	111⅝	-⅛	11.8	11.193
84¼	74½	Rdmpt 3% 1986	79¼	..	3.8	....
106⅝	88⅝	Conv 10% 1996	93⅝	-⅛	10.7	11.128
131	108⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	112⅝	-⅛	11.8	11.220
112⅝	93	Exch 10½% 1997	96⅛	-⅛	10.9	11.154
101⅝	79⅝	Treas 8¾% 1997	86⅝	-⅛	10.1	10.803
142⅝	118⅝	Exch 15% 1997	122⅝	-⅛	12.3	11.410
88⅝	71	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	75⅛	+⅛	9.0	10.672
107⅝	88½	Exch 9¾% 1998	92	●+⅛	10.6	11.059
149⅝	122¾	Treas 15½% 1998	126⅝	-⅛	12.2	11.322
124¼	101⅛	Exch 12% 1998	105⅛	-1⅛	11.3	11.116
107⅝	85⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	91⅛	●-⅛	10.4	10.839
125⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	107⅛	-⅛	11.4	11.104
114	93⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	97⅛	-⅛	10.8	10.851
112⅛	91	Conv 10¼% 1999	95⅛	-⅛	10.7	10.943
133½	105⅝	Treas 13% 2000	113	●-⅛	11.5	11.108
98	84⅝	Conv 9% 2000	87⅛	-⅛	..	10.730
111⅝	90⅝	Treas 10% 2001	94	-⅛	10.6	10.781
109⅝	89	Conv 9¾% 2001	82⅛	-⅛	10.6	10.766
137½	110⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	117	-⅛	12.0	11.291

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
111⅝	90⅝	Conv 10% 2002	94⅝	-⅛	10.6	10.724
124⅝	102	Exch 12% 1999-02	105½	-⅛	11.4	11.113
108⅝	89⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	92⅝	-⅛	10.5	10.701
112½	91¼	Treas 10% 2003	94⅝	-⅛	10.6	10.663
139⅛	114⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	117⅝	-⅛	11.7	11.148
123½	100⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	104⅛	-⅛	11.0	10.877
112⅝	91⅝	Treas 10% 2004	94⅝	-⅛	10.6	10.644
60½	47⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	50	●-⅛	7.0	9.376
108⅝	87½	Conv 9½% 2004	91	-⅛	10.4	10.603
108⅝	87⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	91	-⅛	10.4	10.590
117⅝	94⅛	Exch 10½% 2005	99	-⅛	10.6	10.593
134⅛	108¼	Treas 12½% 2003-05	113¼	-⅛	11.0	10.746
95⅝	76⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	79⅝	-⅛	10.0	10.427
107⅛	88⅛	Conv 9¾% 2006	93⅛	-⅛	10.5	10.567
127⅝	103⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	107⅛	-⅛	11.0	10.759
94⅝	79⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	83⅛	●-⅛	10.1	10.380
143⅛	113⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	121⅛	-⅛	11.1	10.746
95⅝	76	Treas 9% 2008	79⅝	-⅛	10.1	10.323
72⅛	55⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	58⅝	-⅛	9.4	10.023
93⅝	74⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	77	-⅛	10.1	10.220
136	109⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	113⅝	-⅛	10.5	10.432

UNDATED

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
46⅝	37⅛	Consols 4%	39⅛	+⅛	10.2	....
42	32⅛	War Ln 3½%	34½	..	10.1	....
52⅝	44⅛	Conv 3½%	46⅛	+⅛	7.6	....
34⅛	28⅛	Treas 3%	29⅛	-⅛	10.3	....
29⅝	22⅝	Consols 2½%	24⅝	● ..	10.2	....
29⅝	23⅝	Treas 2½%	24⅛	-⅛	10.3	....

INDEX-LINKED

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
125	103¼	Treas IL 2% 1988	124⅛	+⅛	2.1	1.582
108⅝	98½	Treas IL 2% 1990	106⅝	+⅛	2.1	2.626
122	108⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	117½	+⅛	2.4	3.854
107⅝	85¼	Treas IL2½% 2001	100½	-⅛	3.1	3.892
107¼	93½	Treas IL2½% 2003	99⅝	+⅛	3.1	3.850
110½	96¼	Treas IL2% 2006	102⅝	●+1½	2.7	3.746
106⅞	92⅝	Treas IL2½% 2009	98	..	3.2	3.683
111½	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	103¼	+⅛	3.2	3.582
94⅝	79⅛	Treas IL2½% 2013	88½	..	3.2	3.539
102⅛	87⅝	Treas IL2½% 2016	94	..	3.2	3.481
99⅝	90⅝	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	94	..	2.7	3.482
104	88½	Treas IL2½% 2020	92⅛	..	3.2	3.437

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
269	180	Allied Irish	235	255	●-3	9.0b	3.7	7.1
85	70	Arbuthnot (Henry)	83	..	..	..	..	40.0
298	185	Aus New Z	273	277	+1	15.0a	5.5	..
11⅛	7⅛	Bankamerica	10½	..	..	..	..	..
260	171	Bank Of Ireland	193	203	●-3	17.0	8.6	..
11⅛	8	Bank Leumi Israel	101⅛	..	..	..	..	..
250	230	Bank Leumi UK	240	260	..	1.7	0.7	11.7
469	377	Bank Of Scotland	393	397	-2	20.7	5.2	8.7
80	61	Bank Of Wales	65	67	..	..	..	..
572	449	Barclays	483	485	-3	28.1	5.8	7.0
46	32	Benchmark	42	45	●+6	2.3	5.2	15.3
700	410	Brown Shipley	595	600	●+5	13.9	2.3	27.7
422	269	Cater Allen	280	290	●+2	28.8	10.1	35.7
58⅛	46⅛	Cedar Hldgs	50½	51½	+½	1.9	3.7	14.1
32⅛	24	Chase Manhattan	25¼	..	●-⅛	13.9	5.4	..
42⅝	33⅝	Citicorp	37¾	..	+⅛	20.8f	5.6	..
116	86⅛	Commerzbank	107¼	..	..	8.8	0.1	..
303⅛	215½	Deutsche Bank	128⅝	..	-1¼	20.0f	4.2	..
34	17	Equity & Gen	30½	31½	● ..	1.3	4.2	29.2
212	148	First Nat Finance	201	203	..	6.6	3.3	12.2
385	240	Gerrard Nat	285	290	-1	22.1	7.7	..
102	65	Guinness Peat	94	98	..	2.9	3.1	15.2
315	162	Hambros	223	227	●+4	10.6a	4.7	9.1
430	325	Hill Samuel	362	365	●+3	19.1	5.2	8.1
81½	55	HK Shang	79	80½	-1½	3.3	4.1	..
530	318	Joseph (Leopold)	480	485	● ..	18.2	3.7	28.5
198	135½	King & Shaxson	134	138	● ..	12.5	9.2	11.5
570	377	Kleinwort Benson	505	510	+3	19.0	3.7	11.1
494	283	Lloyds	448	450	+2	25.0	5.6	7.2
83	58	Lon Scot	69	71	..	3.7	5.3	13.3
438	280	Mercury Intl	355	357	●+3	8.6	2.4	..
153	106	Do 6% 'A'	118	121	+3	8.6	7.2	..
539	417	Midland	565	568	+3	37.1	6.5	21.9
516	368	Morgan Grenfell	378	383	+5	12.1	3.2	..

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	191	Nat Aust Bk	255	258	+4	..	..	22.7
593	426	Nat West	517	520	..	27.8	5.3	5.4
126	80	Ottoman	126	..	..	6.0	4.8	8.9
394	256	Provident	285	288	-1	18.6b	6.5	10.1
86	63	Rea Bros	77	82	..	..	..	..
135	116	Rothschild (J) Hld	133½	134½	+1½	7.1	5.3	14.8
429	260	Royl Bnk Of Scot	286	288	●-1	16.4	5.6	8.5
825	581	Schroders	700	715	+3	15.4	2.2	13.6
884	419	Stand Chart	685	697	-6	45.4	5.8	9.8
818	513	Union	655	665	..	52.9	8.0	68.5
78⅝	43⅛	Wells Fargo	73	..	-⅛	..	..	..
320	220	Wintrust	300	310	..	7.7	2.5	16.0

BREWERIES

Allied-Lyons; Bass; Belhaven; Boddingtons; Brown (Matthew); Buckleys; Bulmer (H P); Burtonwood Brew; Clark (Matthew); Devenish (J A); Greenall Whitley; Greene King; Guinness; Hardys & Hansons; Highland Dist; Invergordon Dist; Irish Dist; Marston Thompson; Minstead; SA Brewstes; Scot & New; Vaux; Whitbread 'A'; Do 'B'; Whitbread Inv; Wolverhampton & D; Young 'A'

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Abbey; Aberdeen Constr; Amec; Arcaddle; Attwoods; BPB Industries; Baggeridge Brick; Barratt Devs; Bailey (Ben) Constr; Bellway; Berkeley Gp; Best Bros; Blockleys; Blue Circle; Breedon&Cloud Hill; Br Dredging; Brown & Jackson; Brownlee; Bryant; Burnett & Hallam; Cement-Roadstone; Condor Grp; Costain; Countryside; Crouch (Derek); Dew (George); Douglas (RM); Erith; Fairclough; Feb; Do 'A'; Federated Hsg; Fidge Gp; Galliford; Gibbs & Dandy Ord; Gleeson (MJ); HAT; Helical Bar; Henderson; Heywood Williams; Higgs & Hill; Howard Shut; Ibstock Johnsen; Jarvis (J) & Sons; Laing (J); Do 'A'; Lawrence (Walter); Lilley (FJC); Lovell (YJ); Magnet & Southern; Manley; Marshalls (Halifax); May & Hassell; McAlpine (Alfred); McCarthy & S; Meyer Int; Miller (Stanley); Monk (A); Mowlem (John); Newarthill; Nottingham Brick; Persimmon; Phoenix Timber; Pochins; RMC; Redland; Rubeoid; Rugby Cement; Sandell Perkins; Sharpe & Fisher; Smart (J); Tarmac; Taylor Woodrow; Tilbury Group; Travis & Arnold; Trent; Turriff; Vibroplant; Ward; Warrington (T); Watts Blake; Wettern Bros; Wiggins; Wilson (Connolly); Wimpey (George)

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

AKZO N/V Bearer; Allied Colloids; Amersham; Anchor Chemical; BTP; Bayer DM50; Blagden; Brent Chems; Br Benzol; Canning (W); Coalite; Coates Bros; Do 'A'; Cory (Horace); Croda; Do Dfd; Ellis & Everard; Evode; Fosseco-Minsep; Halstead (James); Hickson; Hoechst DM50; Holt Lloyd; Imp Chem Ind; Laporte; Leigh; Norsk Hydro; Plysu; Ransbrook Hldgs; Rentokil; SMA SPD; Scientific Speakman; Wolstenholme Rink; Yorkshire Chem

CINEMAS AND TV

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
326	175	Anglia TV 'A'	323	327	..	13.9	4.3	17.0
416½	212	Central TV	398	403	..	..	..	..
52	27	Grampian	48	50	● ..	2.9	5.9	7.1
240	175	HTV N/V	203	206	+1	12.1	5.9	8.9
477	353	LWT Hldgs	445	449	●-2	25.9	5.8	12.1
353	188	Scot TV	345	349	..	15.9	4.6	11.4
276	1	TVS N/V	250	252	..	14.3	5.7	12.4
50	31	TSW	48	48½	+¼	2.9	6.0	9.6
341	219	Thames TV	297	298	●-2	15.0	5.0	..
228	137	TV-AM	200	203	-1	6.4	3.2	..
152	104	Ulster TV	149	151	●-1	8.8	5.9	7.0
191	1	Yorkshire TV	170	172	..	..	..	..

DRAPERY AND STORES

Alexon; Amber Day; Aquascutum 'A'; Ashley (Laura); Beattie (James) 'A'; Bentalls; Blacks Leis; Body Shop; Bremner; Brown (N); Burton; Cantors 'A'; Casket (S); Church; Coats Viyella; Combined English; Courts (Furn) 'A'; DAKS Simpson 'A'; Dewhirst (IJ); Dixons Grp; Dunhill; Ellis & Goldstein; Elys (Wimbledon); Empire Stores; Etam; Executex Clothes; Fine Art Dev; Ford (Martin); Formminster; Freemans; Gent SR; Goldberg (A); Goldsmiths Gp; GUS; Do 'A'; Harris Queensway; Helene Of London; Hollas; House Of Lerose; Jones (Ernest); Ladies Pride; LCP; Lee Cooper; Liberty; Lucas Kigour; Marks & Spencer; Menzies (John); Moss Bros; Next; Oliver (G); Pentos; Preedy (Alfred); Ratners (Jewellers); Reed (Austin); Do 'A'; S & U Stores; Sears; Smith (WH) 'A'; Do 'B'; Stanley (AG); Stead & Simpson 'A'; Storehouse; Stormgard; Sumrie Clothes; Superdrug Stores; Tidbit & Britten; Time Products; Tip Top Drug; Underwoods; Ward White; Wigfalls; Woolsamer; Woolworth

ELECTRICALS

AB Elect; Alphameric; Amstrad; Applied Computer; Atlas; Atlantic Comp; Audio Fidelity; Audiotronic; Auto Sec; BICC; BSR; Bick; Bowthorpe; Br Telecom; Brown Boveri Kent; Bulgin (AF) 'A'; CASE; Cable & Wireless; Cambridge Elec; CAP Gp; Chloride; Do 7½% CPF; Cotton Intl; Comcap; Cray Elect; Crystalate; DDT Group; Dale Elect; Datacopy; Dewhurst; Do 'A'; Domino; Dowding & Mills; Dubilier; Electrocomponents; Electronic Mach; Electronic Rentals; Emess Lighting; Eurotherm; FKI Elect; Farnell Elect; Ferranti; Foward Tech; GEC; Grosvenor; Highland Elect; IAL; Int Signal & Control; Jones Stroud; Kode; Lec Refrigeration; Logica; MK Elect; Macro 4; Memec; Micro BS; Micro Focus; Microgen; Miles 33; Mitel; Muirhead; Murray Elect; Newmark (Louis); NEI; Oceonics; Oxford Instruments; P-E International; Phicom; Philips Fin 5½%; Philips Lamps N/V; Pilco; Plessey; Do ADR 25; Pressac; Quest Automation; Racal Elect; Scantronic; Scholes (GH); Sound Diffusion; STC; Stone Intl; System Designers; TDK; Telephone Rentals; Telemetrix; Thorn EMI; Tunstall; UEI; Unitech; Utd Leasing; Utd Scientific; VG Instruments; Volex; Western Selection; Whitworth Elect; Wholesale Fitting; Wighill (Henry)

FINANCE AND LAND

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
242	205	Abingworth	236	240	-1	1.8	0.8	5.9
177	128	Aitken Hume	138	142	..	..	..	..
178½	88	Antofagasta	137	147	+7	6.9	4.9	..
240	165	Berkley Tech	237	242	● ..	..	..	..
22	18	Camellia	18¼	18½	..	18.6	1.0	75.2
263	219	Caradover	232	237	+2	5.7	2.4	37.1
43	23	Centreway	38	41	+1	..	..	..
34	17	Equity & Gen	30½	31½	● ..	1.3	4.2	29.2
185	132	Ivory & Sime	155	160	● ..	7.1	4.5	21.5
207	153	Majedie	202	205	● ..	8.9	4.4	29.1
109	58	Nat Home Loans	106	109	●+1	2.6	2.4	31.1
139	76	Do 6½%	107	108	-1	625	7.6	..
148	114	Mercantile	120	125	..	..	..	..
10	9⅛	Parrish (JT)	318	328	..	..	..	..
223	195	Templeton Gbrth	207	212	..	..	..	..

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FOODS

ASDA-MFI; Alpine Drinks; Argyll; Ass Fisheries; Avana; Banks (Sidney C); Barker & Dobson; Barr (AG); Bassett Foods; Bejam; Bluebird (S & W); Borthwick; Brooke Bond; Cadbury-Schweppes; Carrs Milling; Clifford Dairies; Do 'A'; Cullens; Dee; England (Jo); Fisher (Albert); Fitch Lovell; Glenlivet; Glass Glover; Hazlewood Foods; Hillards; Hillsdown Hldgs; Home Farm; Hunter Saphir; Iceland Frozen; Kwik Save; Lees (John J); Lowell (GF); Low (Wm); Matthews (Bernard); Meat Trade Supp; Morrison (W); Nichols (JN) (Vimto); Normans; Nurdin & Peacock; Park Foods; RHM; Rowntree Mac; Sainsbury (J); Salvesen (Christo); Somportex; Tate & Lyle; Tavener Rutledge; Tesco; Unigate; Utd Biscuits; Watson & Philip

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
155	81	Friendly Hotels	138	142	● ..	1.0	0.7	68.2
481	328	Grand Met	470	475	-3	13.5	2.9	15.9
365	208	Kennedy Brookes	280	285	●-3	2.4	0.9	13.8
391	312	Ladbroke	363	368	+2	16.8	4.6	17.4
595	447	Lon Park Hotels	458	468	..	14.3	3.1	14.1
100	78½	Mount Charlotte	82½	85	..	2.1	2.2	15.8
115	67	Prince Of W Hotels	105	110	-6	2.1	1.9	19.5
66	48½	Queens Moat	65	65½	-¼	2.3	3.5	17.2
405	348	Savoy Hotels 'A'	373	377	..	5.0	1.3	14.8
81	58	Stakis	73	74	-1½	2.0	2.7	15.9
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	175	177	-2	7.9	4.5	17.4

INDUSTRIALS A - D

AAH; ABI Research; AGB Research; AMI; APV; Aaronson; Adwest; Alexanders W'water; Alvasco; Amber Ind; Appledore; Arenson; Ash & Lacey; Ashley; Ass Br Eng 5%; Avenue; Avon Rubber; Ayrshire Metal; BBA; BET Ord; BETEC; BOC; BTR; Babcock; Bailey (CH); Baird (Wm); Baker Perkins; Barro; Barlow Rand; Barrow Hepburn; Barton Transport; Baynes (Charles); Beatson Clark; Beaufort; Beazer (CH); Beecham; Bensor; Beresford (S&W); Berisfords; Bestobell; Bibby (J); Biddle; Bilam (J); Birmid Qualcast; Birmingham Mint; Black Arrow; Black (Peter); Blackwood Hodge; Blue Arrow; Bodycote; Boots; Boulton (Wm); Bowater; Bowater Inc; Braithwaite Grp; Brammer; Brasway; Brent Walker; Bridgend Gp; Bridon; Bridport-Gundry; Br Bldg & Eng App; BSS Group; Br Syphon; Br Vita; Broken Hill; Bromsgrove Inds; Brook Eng; Brooke Tool; Brown & Tawse; Bryant (Mike); Bullough; Burgess; Burns-Anderson; Caird Eng; Capan Ind; Caps Ind; Cardo Eng

E - K

Eastern Prod; Edbro; EIS; Elbief; Eleco; Electrolux (AE) 'B'; Elliott (B); Embart; English China Clay; Ericsson (LM) 'B'; Erskine House; European Ferries; Do 5% Pf; Evered; Expamet; Exel; Falcon; Feedex Agric Ind; Fenner (JH); Fife Indmar; Fisons; Fitzwilton; Flexello C&W; Fobel; Fogarty; Folkes Group N/V; Fothergill & Harvey; French (Thomas); GEI Int; GKN; GR; Garton Eng; Gestetner; Glaxo; Glynwed; Goring Kerr; Grampian Hldgs; Granada; Guthrie; Habit Precision; Hall Eng; Hall (M); Hallite; Halma; Hampson Ind; Hanover; Hanson; Do 8% Cnv; Do 5¾% Pf; Do 10%; Hargreaves; Harris (Philip); Hawker Siddeley; Hawley; Hay (Norman); Hepworth Ceramic; Hestair; Hewitt (J); Highgate & Job; Hollis Bros; Hopkinsons; Howden; Hunting Assoc; Hunting Group; Hutchison Whampoa; IMI; Inoteen; Jacksons Bourne; Jardine Math; Johnson Cleaners; Johnson Matthey; Johnson & FB; Johnston; Jones & Shipman; Jourdan (Thomas); Kalamazoo; Kelsey Ind; Kennedy Smale; Kershaw (A); Kleen-E-Ze

L - R

LDH; Lep; Laird; Lawtex; Lee (Arthur); Leigh; Lilleshall; Linread; Lloyd (FH); Locker (T); Lon Midland; Do Dfd; Lon & Nthn; Lon Intl; Low & Bonar; ML Hldgs; MS Int; MY Holdings; Macarthys; Macfarlane; Mackay (P&W); McKechnie; Magnolia; Manchester Ship; Manganese Bronze; Marling; Marshall (Loxley); Metal Box; Metal Closures; Metalrax; Mitchell Cotts; Mitchell Somers; Molins; Morgan Crucible; NMC Inv; Neepsend; Neill (J); Newman Inds; Newman Tonks; Noble & Lund; Norcros; Nu-Swift Inds; Office Elect Mach; Parker Knoll 'A'; Parnell JT; Pearson; Peak; Peerless; Pegler-Hattersley; Pentland Ind; Pesto-Mix; Pilkington; Plastic Constr; Portals; Porter Chadburn; Powell Duffryn; Prestwich Hldgs; RHP; Radiant Metal; Rank Org; Ransome Sims; Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge); Reckitt & Colman; Redfearn Glass; Reed Executive; Reed Int; Relyon; Renishaw; Renold; Restmor; Rexmore; Ricardo Eng; Richards (Leics); Richardson West; Robertson Res; Robinson (Thomas); Rockware; Ropner; Do 'A'; Rotaprint; Rotork; Russell (A)

S - Z

SI; Sale Tilney; Sandhurst; Saville Gordon (J); Scapa; Scott Greenham; Scott Heritable; Scott & Robertson; Securicor; Do 'A'; Security Serv; Senior Eng; Shiloh; Siebe; Silentnight; Simon Eng; Six Hundred; Sketchley; SKF 'B'; Smith & Nephew; Smith Whitworth; Smiths Ind; Spear (JW); Spirax-Sarco; Spring Ram; Stag Furniture; Star Comp; Staveley; Steetley; Sterling Ind; Stockdale; Stonehill; Stothert & Pitt; Sunlight Serv; Suter; Swire Pacific 'A'; Sycamore; Sylone; TI; TNT; TSL Thermal; Tace; Talbot; Telfos; Tex Hldgs; Thames Chem; Third Mile; Thomson T-Line; Tomkins (FH); Trafalgar House; Transcontinental; Transport Dev

INSURANCE

Abbey Life; Alex & Alex; Allianz Vers; Am Gen; Bradstock; Britannic; Com Union; Eagle Star; Equity & Law; FAI; Gen Accident; Heath C E; Hogg Robinson; Legal & Gen; London & Man; Lon Utd Inv; Marsh & McLen; Minet; PWS; Pearl; Prudential; Refuge; Royal; Sedgwick Gp; Stewart Wrightson; Sturge Hldgs; Sun Alliance; Sun Life; Trade Indemnity; Willis Faber

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LEISURE

Barr & WA 'A'; Boosey & Hawkes; Brent Walker; Campari; Chrysalis; First Leisure; GRA; Hartbridge Brooks; Horizon Travel; Int Leisure; Juliana's Hldgs; Lee Intl; Mecca; Pleasurama; Really Useful; Riley Leisure; Saga Holidays; Samuelson Gp; Stanley Leisure; Tottenham Hotspur; Zetters

MINING

Ang Amer Coal; Ang Am; Am Gold; ANT; Anglovaal; Do 'A'; Ayer Hitam; Blyvoors; Bracken; Buffels; CRA; Carr Boyd; Cons Goldfields; De Beers; Deelkraal; Doornfontein; Driefontein; Durban; E Daggafontein; Elandsrand; El Oro; Elsburg; E Rand Gold; E Rand Prop; FS Cons; FS Dev; Geevor Tin; Gencor; Gen Mining; GFSA; GM Kalgoorli; Gopeng; Greenwich Res; Grootvlei; Hampton Areas; Harmony; Hartebeest; Johnnies; Kinross; Kloof; Leslie; Libanon; Lonrho; MIM; Malaysian Mining; Marievale; Metals Exp; Minorco; Middle Wits; Newmont; Nth Broken Hill; Nth Kalgurli; Orange Free; Peko-Wallsend; Rand Mines Ltd; Rand Mines Prop; Randfontein; Rustenburg; St Helena; SA Land; Southvaal; Stilfontein; Sungei Besi; Tronoh; Unisel; Vaal Reefs; Venterspost; Vlakfontein; Vogels; Wankie Colliery; Welkom; Western Areas; Western Deep; Western Mining; West Rand Cons; Winkelhaak; Wits Nigel; Zambia Copper; Zandpan

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

AC; AE; Alexanders; Appleyard; Armstrong; BSG; Bramall (CD); Br Aerospace; Br Car Auctions; Caffyns; Cowie (T); Davis (Godfrey); Dowty; ERF; FR Group; Ford Motor; Gates (Frank G); General Motor; Glanfield Lawrence; Hartwells; Honda Motor; Jaguar; Jessups; Kwik-Fit; Lex; Lookers; Lucas; Perry gp; Plaxtons (GB); Quick (HJ); Rover; Supra; Westland; Woodhead (Jonas)

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
172	145	Accord	162	167	+2	4.4	2.7	20.1
280	185	Assoc Book	233	238	..	8.2	3.5	15.0
380	218½	Assoc Newspaper	375	380	+7	6.3	1.7	20.7
330	280½	Black (A&C)	320	330	..	14.6	4.5	17.9
750	555	Bristol	745	755	+5	41.4	5.5	21.1
500	435	Collins (Wm)	465	475	..	11.4	2.4	21.2
383	285	Do 'A'	332	337	..	11.4	3.4	15.1
205	115	EMAP 'A'	132	135	● ..	3.4	2.5	23.8
378	295	Haynes Publishing	305	315	● ..	20.0	6.5	16.0
253	84	Home Counties	245	255	..	12.5	5.0	15.9
348	183	Independent	330	340	-5	12.0	3.6	..
704	404	Int Thomson	698	705	●+3	14.0	2.0	18.5
15⅞	15¼	News Corp	730	770	-20	..	..	..
21⅝	820	News International	20¾	21¼	..	12.9	0.6	..
680	445	Octopus	510	518	●-1	10.4	2.0	18.3
165	112	Portsmouth Sund	158	163	..	5.9	3.7	28.9
488	220	Tonley Int	465	470	●+2	22.6	4.8	13.4
403	280	Utd Newspapers	368	370	●+3	22.9	6.2	14.7

OIL

Amsel; Arun Energy; Atlantic Resources; Aus Oil & Gas; BOM; Br Borneo; Br Petroleum; Brinoil; Bryson; Burmah; Carless Capel; Century; Clonterhall; Clyde; Enterprise; Frontier; Garber Energy; Global N Res; Goal Pet; Gt Western Res; Hamilton; IC Gas; Imco; Jackson; KCA Drilling; LASMO; Do Units; New Court; New London Oil; Oilfrance; Oil Search; Petranol; Petrocon; Premier; Royal Dutch; Shell; Sillolene; Sovereign; TR Energy; Target; Tricentrol; Triton Europe; Ultramar; Woodside

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
159	85	Chillington	130	135	● ..	10.0	7.5	11.7
107	75	Finlay (James)	85	88	●+1	5.9	6.8	..
481	325	Harrisons Crosfield	435	440	-3	28.6	6.5	22.1
505	303	Inchcape	487	492	● ..	25.9	5.3	38.8
37	28⅛	Jacks (Wm)	34	35	..	1.7b	4.9	12.8
283	183	Lonrho	227	229	..	17.1	7.5	11.2
87	34	Ocean Wilson	83	88	●+1	3.6	4.2	15.0
288	180	Paterson Zoch	285	290	..	9.3	3.2	7.4
288	180	Do 'A'	285	290	..	9.3	3.2	7.4
213	126	Polly Peck	177	182	+2	9.6	5.3	3.2
60	30	Sime Darby	56	58	+½	..	..	..
645	545	Steel Bros	625	645	..	22.9	3.6	13.8
224	61	Tozer Kemsley	153	156	+1	..	..	55.6
271	153	Yule Catto	247	252	+4	12.1b	4.8	11.6

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

Abbott Mead; Addison Cons; Adcorn Int; Assoc Paper; Baker (Charles); Bemrose; Boase Massimi; BPCC; Bunzl; Carlton Comm; Chapman; Cropper (James); DRG; Davidson Pearce; Eucalyptus Pulp; Ferguson Ind; Fitch Design; Geers Gross; Gold Greenlees; Good Relations; Hunterprint; Lopex; Lowe HS & B; McCorquodale; More O'Ferrall; Norton Opax; Ogilvy & Mather; Olives Paper; St Ives Gp; Saatchi 10p; Do Conv; Shandwick; Smurfit (Jeff); Usher Walker; Valin Pollen; Wace; Waddington (J); Watmough; WCRS

PROPERTY

Abaco; Allied Lon; Apex; Arlington Secs; Aslo; Belgrave; Bilton (P); Bradford; Br Land; Brixton; Cardf (A) &Sons; CALA; Cap & Counties; Cardiff Prop; Centrovincial; Chesterfield; Clarke Nickolls; Clayform; Connells; Control Secs; Country & New; County 'B'; Cussins; Daejan; Dares; Estates & Agency; Egerton Trust; Estates Gen; Estates Prop; Evans Of Leeds; Five Oaks; Frogmore; Glentree; Gr Portland; Greycoat; Hallwood Gp; Hardanger Countryand; Hammerson; Do 'A'; Hampton Tst; Hanover Druce; Haslemere; Hong Kong Land; Imry; Jermyn; Laing Prop; Land Securities; Lon & Edin Tst; Do 6½%; Lon & Prov Shop; Lon Shop Prop; Lynton; MEPC; McInerney; McKay Secs; Markheath; Marwale Moore; Marler Est; Mountleigh; Muirshiel; Mucklow (A&J); Municipal; New Cavendish; Parkdale; Peachey; Priest Marians; Prop & Rev; Prop Hldgs; Prop Security; Raglan; Regalian; Rivlin; Rosehaugh; Rush & Tompkins; Scot Met; Sheild Gp; Slough Estates; Speyhawk; Stand Secs; Stockley; Southend Stadium; Town Centre; Trafford Park; UK Land; Warner; Warnford; Wates; Webb (Jos); West & Country

SHIPPING

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
317	187	Assoc Br Ports	308	310	-2	8.6b	2.8	17.1
398	213	Br Commonwealth	383	387	●-1	8.1b	2.8	20.0
356	186	Caledonia	267	270	●-1	7.4	2.8	47.2
84	51	Fisher (James)	58	61	..	4.8	8.0	10.9
603	480	Graig	495	505	● ..	21.4	4.3	41.5
76	54½	Jacobs (JI)	66	68	..	5.1b	7.6	51.1
12½	4½	Lyle	7	8	..	..	..	0.6
41	26	Mersey Docks	30	33	+1	..	..	3.4
255	180	Ocean Transport	233	235	-1	12.9	5.5	10.8
576	428	P & O Dfd	498	502	-5	26.4b	5.3	14.3
173	88	Runciman (Walter)	163	168	● ..	7.1	4.3	26.1
380	127	Tiphook	310	320	-5	5.8	1.8	20.8
390	350	Turnbull Scott	370	380	..	12.9	3.4	52.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
370	290	FII	355	365	● ..	9.8	2.7	10.4
206	145	Garnar Booth	170	174	..	14.3	8.3	10.7
48	32	Headlam Sims	43	45	..	0.7a	1.6	..
218	188	Lambert Howarth	195	200	-2	8.9	4.5	10.8
82	51½	Newbold & Burton	66	70	+2	4.4	6.5	20.5
170	82	Pittard	166	170	● ..	5.5	3.3	11.6
157	118	Strong & Fisher	134	138	..	12.9	9.5	6.3
273	158	Stylo	218	223	-2	6.4	2.9	27.3

TEXTILES

Allied Text; Atkins Bros; Beale (John); Beckman (A); Bolton; Br Mohair; Bulmer & Lumb; Coats; Courtaulds; Crowther (J); Dawson; Debron; Drummond; Dura Mill; Foster (John); Gaskell Broadloom; Hicking Pentecost; Illingworth; Ingram (Harold); Jerome (S); Lamont; Leeds; Lister; Lyles (S); Mackay (Hugh); Munton; Parkland 'A'; Readicut; SEET; Sekers; Sirdar; Smallshaw (R); Stoddard 'A'; Tedford Jersey; Tomkinsons; Toray; Yorklyde

TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	361	BAT	462	464	+2	18.4	4.0	12.1
180	109	Carroll	138	143	..	..	..	..
180	108	Carroll	138	143	..	..	..	..
178	127	Rothmans 'B'	175	177	-1	10.0	5.7	8.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

Sand and gravel in greater demand

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Aggregates such as sand and gravel are in greater demand because of an increase in construction work in the industrialized countries.

Production of aggregates rose nearly 3 per cent last year and 19 per cent between 1981 and the end of last year.

But compared with most other countries, Britain's construction industry is less busy, with a weaker demand for materials, according to the British Aggregate Construction Materials Industries.

Its annual statistical report confirms a steady growth trend in aggregates production since a five-year decline bottomed out at the end of 1980.

The main uses of aggregates are in road construction and maintenance (28 per cent), private sector industrial and commercial building (22 per cent) and in private sector housing (20 per cent).

Output for the public sector was worth £4.4 billion last year, which was about a fifth down in real terms, taking account of inflation, compared with five years before.

But in the same period private sector demand rose by more than a quarter in value in real terms to £10.2 billion, accounting for almost 70 per cent of all construction investment.

Output of processed aggregates has also risen, with bituminous coated materials, mainly used in road construction, up nearly 18 per cent in the five-year period.

Ready-mixed concrete production was up 9 per cent in the five years.

The BACMI Statistical Year Book 1986: £10 from BACMI, 156 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9TR.

Japanese act as go-betweens to repair US relations with Bonn

US close to exchange rate pact with Bonn

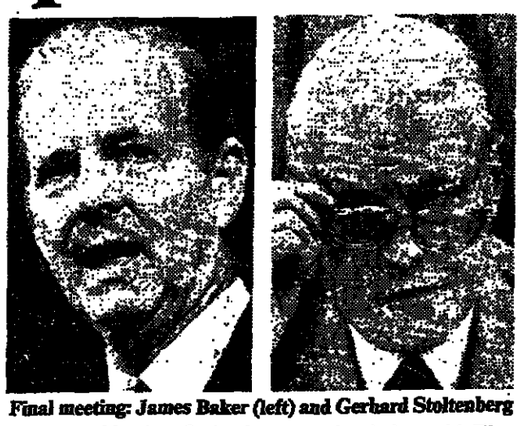
From Bailey Morris
Washington

The United States and West Germany are nearing agreement on an important monetary accord to stabilize exchange rates, but details will not be unveiled until after the West German elections next month, officials said yesterday.

The US is also engaged in bilateral discussions with Asian trading nations, notably South Korea and Taiwan, aimed at pressurizing these countries to devalue their currencies against the dollar.

Reagan Administration officials are trying to establish a strong trade policy, probably including new legislation to spur US competitiveness. They are anxious to show further progress in reducing the dollar against other currencies to avert a groundswell of protectionism in the new Congress.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, hopes to complete details of the agreement to stabilize the dollar-mark rate at a meeting on



Final meeting: James Baker (left) and Gerhard Stoltenberg

Saturday with Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister.

Officials said the US-West German agreement would be similar to the bilateral accord between the Reagan Administration and Japan to stabilize the yen-dollar rate and improve Japan's growth rate.

The decision to hold new talks with West Germany was partly due to Japan's insistence that the US repair economic relations with West Germany, which were damaged last autumn when Mr Baker demanded expansionary policies from Bonn.

Japanese officials reportedly fear that without smooth relations with Bonn, the US will take unilateral actions, which could sharply inflate the yen and accelerate a slowing in the Japanese economy. They believe the restoration of an economic alliance among the three nations is essential to global growth.

This was the reason Japanese officials acted as "go-betweens" before the meeting between Mr Baker and Herr Stoltenberg, officials said.

The Japanese apparently "sounded out" the West Germans and received a positive response.

Mr Baker and Mr David Mulford, the assistant Treasury Secretary, held discussions last week with Mr Toyoo Gyohten, Japan's vice-finance minister, and Mr Tomomitsu Oba, special adviser to Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese prime minister.

For two days, they discussed the yen-dollar relationship and the mark in what was regarded as a prelude to a system of target zones for these currencies.

Without an agreement with West Germany, Japanese officials fear the US will move early next year to lower the dollar against the mark again, thereby pushing the yen sharply higher against the dollar.

Japanese threat to Wah Kwong plan

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The US$850 million (£594.5 million) restructuring of the troubled Wah Kwong Shipping Group has been thrown into jeopardy by two Japanese creditors.

The other 46 creditors of the group, including Standard Chartered Bank of Tokyo, signed the restructuring agreement a month ago, well in advance of the December 31 deadline.

But Toyo Menka and Kawasaki Heavy Industries, the contractor and builder of two ships delivered in 1983 and 1984, have refused to sign unless they are guaranteed payment by the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

If the ministry does not support the two creditors, the restructuring is certain to collapse in the New Year, in which case it will have to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to those Japanese creditors who have taken out export insurance. At least half the group's debts are to Japanese companies.

Agreements have been reached already between individual creditors and government bodies.

Wah Kwong shares have been suspended while its financial advisers — the American Express subsidiary, Amex-Asia — put together the survival plan.

They hope to set up a new holding company with shares being issued to creditors and to shareholders of the original listed firm, Wah Kwong Shipping and Investment Company.

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Company's right to choose timing of allowances claim

Elliss (Inspector of Taxes) v BP Oil Northern Ireland Refinery Ltd
Elliss (Inspector of Taxes) v BP Tyne Tanker Co Ltd

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment December 12]

For corporation tax purposes capital allowances to which a company was entitled were not to be credited to it automatically. The provisions of the Finance Act 1965, the Capital Allowances Act 1968 and the Finance Act 1971 did not take away from a company the right to choose whether to make a claim for such allowances or to carry them forward to subsequent accounting periods.

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments so held in dismissing an appeal by the Crown from Mr Justice Walton (*The Times* August 9, 1985; [1985] STC 722) who upheld the determination of a special commissioner in favour of the taxpayer companies, BP Oil Northern Ireland Refinery Ltd and BP Tyne Tanker Co Ltd.

The Crown was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Charles Potter, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Graham Aaronson, QC and Mr Terence Mowschenson for the taxpayer companies.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the appeals raised an unusual point of statutory construction: whether the capital allowances to which a company was entitled fell to be credited to it automatically, whether it wanted them or not, or whether only those allowances which were specifically claimed by the company fell to be taken into account.

The paradox was that Crown was arguing for the former result and the taxpayer companies for the latter. The reasons motivating the taxpayer companies to take that course were that by not claiming allowances in less profitable years, they could claim annual allowances in later, more profitable, years based on higher figures of the written-down values of the machinery, plant or building in question.

The court had been told that tax of £60 million depended on the result of the case.

The modern system of capital allowances was introduced by the Income Tax Act 1945 as a relief from income tax. They were to encourage reconstruction after the end of World War II. It was agreed that from 1945 to 1965 a taxpayer, whether an individual or a company, had the right to choose whether or not take the allowance to which he was entitled. That right of choice remained to this day for income tax purposes.

The Finance Act 1965 introduced corporation tax. Despite differences, the general structure of the new tax was for the income element of a company's profits to be computed on income tax principles.

Capital allowances for corporation tax purposes was dealt with in section 56. By section 56(2) the allowances for any accounting period in taxing a trade "shall be given effect by treating the amount of any allowance as a trading expense of the trade in that period, and by treating the amount on which any such charge is to be made as a trading receipt of the trade in that period".

The Crown's case was that that provision made a capital allowance a trading expense of the trade for the accounting period in question. Trading expenses were automatically deductible in computing trading profits.

Thus the effect of making a capital allowance a trading expense was to obviate the necessity for a claim and to make it automatically — that is, compulsorily — deductible. That submission had the attraction of simplicity but was wrong.

The provisions of the 1965 Act did not make such allowances compulsorily deductible. They continued to be referred to as "allowances". An allowance, being a thing allowed, carried the connotation that what was allowed should first be claimed.

Further neither section 56(2) nor its successor, section 73(2) of the Capital Allowances Act 1968, said that the allowances should be deducted as trading expenses: all that the subsection did was to provide that they "shall be given effect by treating the amount of any allowance as a trading expense".

That language was consistent with Mr Aaronson's contention that the allowances still required to be claimed but that, when claimed, they "shall" be given effect by treating them in a particular manner.

It remained only to mention the provisions of Part III of the Finance Act 1971 that made changes to the law on capital allowances for plant and machinery.

In respect of those allowances to which it applied it introduced two new procedural factors: (1) companies were given a two-year period of disclaimer for first-year allowances and (2) individuals were given a right to restrict their claim for writing-down allowances to a portion of their entitlement.

In other respects the 1971 Act adopted the existing procedures in relation to those allowances to which it applied and the provisions by which those procedures were adapted to the new regime made it clear that the right of choice remained an integral part of the system of capital allowances. Therefore the provisions of the 1971 Act did not affect the position.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment and the Vice-Chancellor agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Linklaters & Paines.

Registered Isle of Man bank is not a bona fide UK banker

Hafton Properties Ltd v McHugh (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment November 28]

An Isle of Man bank having its registered office in Douglas that made a number of loans to United Kingdom residents was not carrying on a "bona fide banking business in the United Kingdom". Accordingly a borrower when remitting interest to the bank had to deduct and account for a sum equal to income tax in respect of those payments under the provisions of section 54 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

Mr Justice Peter Gibson so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by Hafton Properties Ltd from a determination of a single special commissioner upholding several assessments to income tax made on it in respect of interest payments to an Isle of Man company, Savings and Investment Bank Ltd (SIB).

Mr R. K. Mathew for Hafton Properties Ltd; Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that Hafton's appeal was against assessments to tax on interest payments made by it without deducting tax.

The Crown contended that tax should have been deducted under Section 54 of the 1970 Act. Thereby when interest chargeable to tax under Case III of Schedule D was paid by a borrower, a sum representing income tax was to be deducted unless the interest was on "an advance from a bank carrying on a bona fide banking business in the United Kingdom".

Hafton was a property dealing company resident in the United Kingdom. In 1980, it required a loan for property refinancing. Through a firm of London solicitors, Hafton contacted SIB and negotiated a loan of £350,000. Security was on a United Kingdom property and interest was at 4 per cent above SIB's base rate payable by Hafton to the London solicitors. SIB went into liquidation in 1982.

Prior to liquidation SIB had conducted a banking business in the Isle of Man: it had no banking premises or registered office in the United Kingdom.

It had made loan transactions here from 1978 to 1981 — the same London solicitors acting for one of the parties in every transaction. The evidence was that SIB had had one or two United Kingdom depositors.

Two advertisements by SIB, soliciting deposits from United Kingdom residents were produced — inquiries to be directed to the Isle of Man and emphasis being placed on the confidentiality that SIB could accord its customers.

The commissioners had considered two questions, namely (1) whether SIB was carrying on a business in the United Kingdom, and (2) if it was so doing, whether it was "a bona fide banking business".

On the first question the commissioner, while accepting that a foreign company could carry on business in the UK without premises here, was doubtful as to whether SIB had really carried on any business in the UK as distinct from in the Isle of Man.

On the evidence the commissioner was bound to conclude as he did. Given SIB's absence of UK premises and given the absence of any representative here and in the light of the advertisements, the only conclusion was that all SIB did was to attract borrowers from the UK to the Isle of Man. It was not carrying on business in the UK.

The commissioner had gone on to determine the second question should he be found to have been wrong in determining the first. He had guided himself by reference to the Court of Appeal's decision in *United Dominions Trust Ltd v Kirkwood* ([1966] 2 QB 431) and in particular to a passage from Lord Justice Diplock at pp465-66. He had concluded that as lending was not one of the tests to establish "banking" it followed that a banking business was not carried on in the UK by SIB — it not being reputed as a specialist bank.

The commissioner had come to a correct determination. To see whether the business that was carried on in the UK could properly be described as a bona fide banking business it had to have the characteristics of a banking business.

Those characteristics had at least to include the taking of deposits as well as the other matters to which reference was made in the *United Dominions Trust* case. Lending in itself was not enough. Here what was done by SIB in the UK, so far as was known, was simply the lending of money. It followed that despite a valiant argument by Mr Mathew, SIB's appeal had to be dismissed.

Solicitors: Asher Fishman & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Injunction on use of right of way

Rosling and Others v Pinnegar
Pinnegar v Sewell and Another
Pinnegar v Norman and Another

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Woolf and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment November 28]

It was proper for the court to grant an injunction regulating in detail the use of a right of way if it were satisfied that the limitations thereby imposed would prevent an unreasonable and excessive user of the way and any consequent nuisance.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing in part appeals by Mr David John Pinnegar, the owner of Hammerwood House and of a right of way over the lane leading to it, and cross-appeals by the owners of property adjoining the lane who also had rights of way over it, from orders of East Grinstead County Court (Judge Wingate, QC) which had granted the cross-appellants injunctions, *inter alia*, restricting the extent to which the appellant could invite the public to use the lane for the purpose of visiting the house.

Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Steven Whitaker for the appellant; Mr Michael Lyndon-Stanford, QC and Mr Graham Platford for the cross-appellants.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the appellant's right of way was expressed in the grant which had created it to be "for all purposes" but "in common with" all the owners of land adjoining the lane.

In the light of the terms of the grant and of *White v Grand Hotel Eastbourne Ltd* ([1913] 1 Ch 113), *Todrick v Western National Omnibus Co Ltd* ([1934] Ch 190), *Stenquill Investments Ltd v Hicklin* ((unreported), February 23, 1966, CA) and *Jelbert v Davis* ([1968] 1 WLR 589) it was clear that the mere fact that the house was now open to the public for part of the year, attracting traffic along the lane, whereas not very long ago the house had been derelict and generated practically no traffic, was no breach by the appellant of the terms of the grant, and therefore the cross-appellants were not entitled to the injunction which they had sought restraining the appellant from opening the house to the public altogether.

Moreover, the cross-appellants were not in general entitled to complain that when the house was open to the public they could no longer enjoy the rural peace and quiet which had caused them to come and live there.

His Lordship had no doubt that the judge had directed himself entirely correctly in accordance with authority in considering the extent of the user generated by the appellant's invitation to the public to visit the house.

The judge had concluded that that had caused a serious interference with the cross-appellants' right and that that excessive user had in some respects been a nuisance in law to at least some of the cross-appellants. There had been sufficient evidence before the judge to justify that finding, and the appeal therefore failed in that respect.

The appellant had submitted that the injunctions had been made without jurisdiction, in the light of a *dictum* of Lord Justice Oliver in *Cutts v Head* ([1984] Ch 290, 297). He had contended that the proper way of dealing with disputes of that kind was not to grant an injunction but to make a declaration coupled with liberty to apply for an injunction if necessary.

That was the route which the Court of Appeal had adopted in *Jelbert*. However, in *Kennaway v Thompson* ([1981] QB 88) it had granted an injunction regulating in detail the frequency and periods of use of a lake for speedboat racing, in much the same way as the judge had done in this case.

His Lordship could see no reason why an order in that form should not be made: a plaintiff was entitled to an injunction to prevent an unreasonable and excessive user of a way and any consequent nuisance. Not to grant such an injunction might be denying justice to one side or the other and inviting further litigation within a short space of time.

The judge's orders would be varied so that, *inter alia*, they provided generally for the future, but in general would be upheld.

Lord Justice Woolf and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce agreed.

Solicitors: John Pinnegar & Co, Oxted; Rosling King.

Amending planning enforcement notice

Masefield and Another v Taylor

Where an inspector, appointed by the secretary of state to determine an appeal under section 88 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 against an enforcement notice, in determining the appeal amended the notice in terms communicated to the appellant, there was no need for the local authority to re-serve the enforcement notice in the amended terms.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann) so held on December 5 in dismissing an appeal by John Masefield and Blanda Masefield by way of case stated against their conviction by Bridport Justices for an offence of non-compliance with an enforcement notice contrary to section 89 of the 1971 Act, served by the respondent, Michael Benjamin Taylor, on behalf of the West Dorset District Council.

HORIZONS

A guide to job opportunities

Time for a closer inspection

The work of the Factory Inspectorate is a misnomer, for it covers many sites where people work. Beryl Dixon looks at this tall order

The Health & Safety Executive is the operational arm of the Health & Safety Commission. Under this umbrella come the Employment Medical Advisory Service and the Inspectorates themselves: agricultural, nuclear installation, mines and factories. The executive also has policy making and technical branches, the latter employing career civil service scientists — engineers, chemists, noise and radiation specialists.

Factory Inspectorate is actually a misnomer. "We cover anywhere people work that is not the responsibility of one of our other inspectorates", says John Russell, area director of the south area, based in Basingstoke. "That means hospitals, docks, sports stadiums construction sites, shipyards, fairgrounds — a wide range of working environments."

Quite a tall order, and environments really do vary. Hilary Weston, an inspector with ten years' experience, now covering the Kent-Surrey-Sussex area, spent a few days, two years ago, crawling underneath the roadway under the Dartford Tunnel, examining air ducts — "It's a workplace for many people, and potentially hazardous in terms of health and safety" — she has also scaled tall ladders and crawled around inside large tankers.

Workmen in Spitalfields once inadvertently dug into a coffin containing a corpse. The factory inspector was called in and work was stopped immediately until a colleague from their specialist division ruled out the question of the corpse carrying smallpox. It isn't all headline-making work, stresses the Inspectorate, most is straightforward, but that doesn't prevent it being interesting. It's the sort of job where you can genuinely say no two days are the same.

Flexibility makes a typical week difficult to describe

The Factory Inspectorate has a strength of 600 — with 550 working from 20 area offices, responsible for some 400,000 workplaces. Approximately 35 per cent of the time is spent on routine inspections, says John Russell, and the remainder on reactive work — investigating complaints or accidents.

So how do inspectors decide which workplaces are due for a routine assessment? The Inspectorate draws up a plan every spring for the whole year's work. National guidelines on time allocation are given by headquarters, but each area director has discretion to vary the suggested percentages according to local needs.

Obviously there are too many workplaces for each to receive frequent visits: so selection criteria are established. Workplaces are assessed under health, safety, risk to employers, risk to the public and the inspectors' previous opinions of managers' ability to maintain standards.

Some establishments are therefore visited more often than others, but none can be totally ignored. An inspector may find his or her allocation contains "high risk" establishments, "poor performers" and those who have not been inspected for some time.

Inspectors work in "industry groups", such as chemistry or construction, with three or four other inspectors, reporting to a principal inspector who is in turn responsible to the area director.

Hilary Weston, for example, is in a group dealing with chemicals, plastics and rubber, and also general workplace inspection in one geographical area. Once the principal inspector has divided out the year's programme individual inspectors can decide on their own year plan, with flexibility to decide the timing of their routine visits. Then, of course, things happen — and a response suddenly has to be made to a "reactive" problem.

The very flexibility involved meant that a typical week could not be described. It was suggested, however, that an average inspector would spend about 50 per cent of time out of the office, one day on routine visits and two and a half on reactive investigation.

In the office there are reports to write, meetings and discussions with colleagues, phone calls and letters from the public to deal with and reports to read. Inspectors must keep constantly up to date — it is impossible to carry the vast amount they need to know in their heads, but they must know where to look.

To help them, they have access to both area and central HSE libraries, the latter by computer. Each area office, in addition to its general role, acts as a specialist in one industry and is responsible for passing information on that area to inspectors all over the country. Basingstoke specializes in the disciplined services (police, fire, prisons), Newcastle in shipbuilding.

Inspectors don't spend their time closing down factories, nor do they "police" workplaces. They aim to advise, achieving their objectives by persuasion. But they can and do conduct prosecutions — around 1,500 a year. "Court is one option, but we prefer to use informal procedures."

Informal procedures include persuasion, and advice — verbal — then written. If this fails, an inspector has other courses of action: issuing an improvement notice, a prohibition notice, or finally a summons. They decide which to use after weighing up the seriousness of the offence and the degree of willingness shown by the firm to remedy it.

Much can be achieved by persuasion and encouragement. Inspectors therefore must be very good communicators at all levels from director to shop floor worker, trade union representative to member of the public.

I asked John Russell what other qualities a good inspector needs. "It suits people who are naturally curious and want to take their own decisions — and at quite an early stage. They must not mind being out there on their own for 50 per cent of their time. And they need to be observant. An inspector walking apparently idly through a workplace, may have checked at least 20 different points with his eyes in a few minutes."

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● **Further information is available from either: Health & Safety Executives, St Hugh's House, Stanley Precinct, Bootle, or the Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants.**

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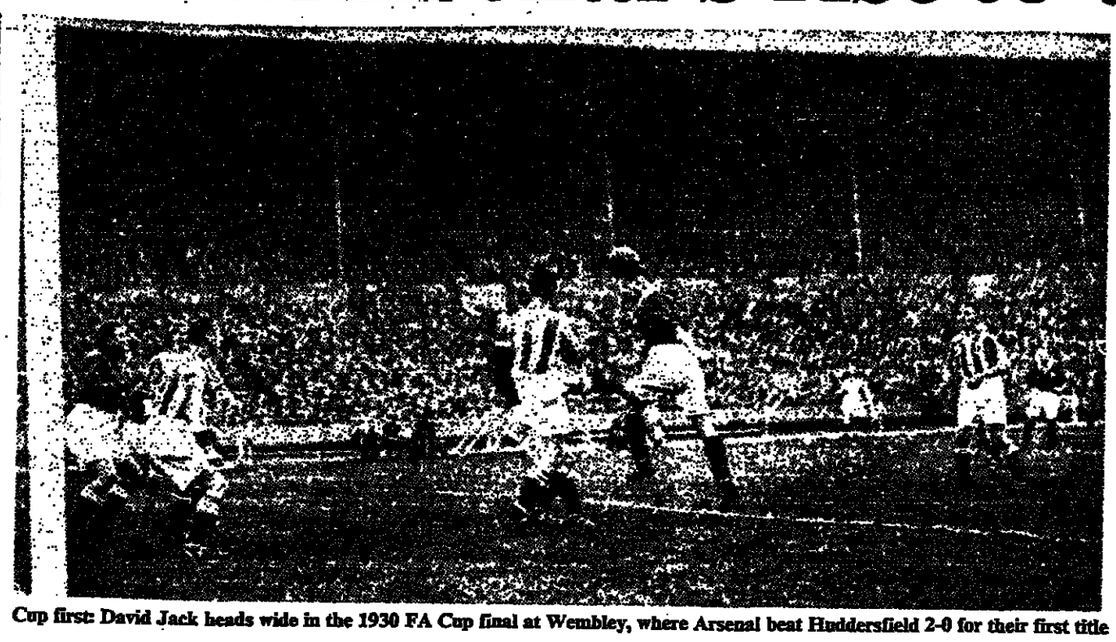

Cup first: David Jack heads wide in the 1930 FA Cup final at Wembley, where Arsenal beat Huddersfield 2-0 for their first title

Legend: Chapman, a vital presence

Geoffrey Green, Football Correspondent of The Times from 1946 to 1976, writes of the men who created one of the most famous clubs in sport

Arsenal Football Club celebrate their centenary on Christmas Day: 100 years from their original title of Dial Square, through the thirties when they became the first British team to export their name to the world, on to the League championship and the FA Cup double in 1970-71, and now atop the first division.

Christened Dial Square in 1886, the name was soon altered to Royal Arsenal then to Woolwich Arsenal in 1891 and finally to Arsenal when Sir Henry Norris, the chairman, moved the club from Woolwich to Highbury in 1913. That was the first move made by an astute man.

Following the Great War, there came an even more decisive step when Herbert Chapman was persuaded away from Huddersfield Town, in his native Yorkshire, to become the manager at Highbury. A leader of men in his own world, he was, in a sense, a Winston Churchill. He possessed a flair for revitalizing anything he touched. He had the precious gift of looking ahead of his time, though others were too slow to follow his ideas.

Huddersfield, a football club in the heart of the Rugby League game, were so poorly supported that they were on the brink of disappearing in 1919. But under Chapman, they were promoted to the first division in 1920, and lost 1-0 to Aston Villa in the FA Cup final the same season.

Two years later, they won the Cup for the first time, beating Preston North End 1-0 at Stamford Bridge. Chapman next guided Huddersfield to three consecutive League championship titles, in 1924, 1925 and 1926. They were the first English club to achieve such a feat.

But by 1925-26, Chapman had brought his magic to Highbury. Arsenal finished runners-up in the League that season – five points behind his former club, Huddersfield. In 1927, he took Arsenal to their first FA Cup final, where they lost 1-0 to Cardiff City at Wembley. But by 1930 they were in the Wembley final again, and there they took their first title after a 2-0 win over Huddersfield Town. It was all rather ironic as the magician spread his stardust over his new team at the expense of his old champions. In 1931, Arsenal won the League for the first time, were runners-up the following year, and then proceeded to repeat the championship formula in 1933, 1934 and 1935 – at which point he died suddenly of pneumonia.

Yet Chapman's presence still lives on at Highbury in the shape of his bust in the marble halls and in the life-long message that Arsenal must always look for quality. That was always the basis of Chapman's outlook, and was allied to a clever tactical sense on the field of play. He worked it at Huddersfield and when the offside law was changed in 1926, he adapted his team to it. Basically, he brought in the defensive centre half, or third back, he used the two wing halves and two inside forwards as the orchestrators of the symphony, and used both wingers in pincer sweeps to service the centre forward.

Thus, Chapman used Herbie Roberts at the rear, between Male and Hapgood, the full backs; Crayston and the powerful Wilf Copping – who, to borrow a P. G. Wodehouse expression, was "a hard-boiled egg," – as the midfield providers for the stylish David Jack and Alex James to create the attacking openings in the last third of the pitch; and Joe Hulme on the right and Cliff Bastin on the left, with Lambert and finally Ted Drake in the centre to crack open opposing defences.

Here was a complete team of masters. Moss was an international goalkeeper. I once saw Jack weave his way through the Aston Villa defence with a sway of his shoulders, ending up by leaning casually against an upright; and James, a magician at a children's party, once opened my eyes to the range of the game. With Arsenal losing 1-0 to Sheffield United at Highbury, he waved his foot over a through pass like a wand, to split the whole Sheffield defence wide open. Bemused by the decoy, they let Lambert, the centre forward, go through unchallenged for a goal. It was as if the Red Sea had parted for Arsenal, who won 8-1.

Bastin, deadly and slightly deaf, scored 33 goals from the wing in one of Arsenal's championship years, and Hulme, who brought the crowds swaying down the terraces as if caught in the slipstream of his speed, also hit 24 – to complete a total of 57 goals from the wings in a season, a figure unlikely ever to be beaten.

Chapman was a disciplinarian, but fair-minded. His word was law, and the players, though admiring him, were afraid to disagree. When Walsall beat Arsenal in the third round of the Cup in January 1933 – a defeat which shook the country, and one Arsenal were never allowed to forget – Tommy Black kicked a Walsall player in the heat of the moment. Chapman never picked him again for Arsenal and within a month he was transferred to Plymouth Argyle. I wonder how he would have faced the player power of today.

Beyond this, he experimented with numbers on players' shirts in practice, five years before the FA brought in the law; he had London Regional Transport change the name of their Piccadilly line underground station from Gillespie Road to Arsenal; and he tried floodlights 20 years before they came on in Britain in 1951.

To analyse this famous club since their birth would be to condense 100 years into an hour-glass. There has been a parade of chairmen, managers, players and events – some more distinguished than others. Some of them have already been mentioned. But who can forget that Ted Drake, a charming and brave bull – and a Hampshire cricketer in the summer – on one winter's afternoon in the thirties hit the Aston Villa net seven times in eight shots at Villa Park.

Joe Mercer, who had a smile as wide as a pumpkin and the legs of a cowboy, and Ronnie Rooke – both considered at the end of their careers at Everton and Fulham respectively – found the call to Highbury to save Arsenal from impending relegation in 1946, a remarkable reprieve.

Arsenal hold a modern record of almost 70 years of unbroken membership of the first division, and in November 1934, set another that seems unlikely to be broken when seven of their players appeared for England in a 3-2 victory (a violent match) over Italy, who were soon to be world champions, at Highbury. The men were Moss (goalkeeper), Male and Hapgood (full backs); Copping (wing half), Bowden, Drake and Bastin (forwards).

One failure was the arrival of Bryn Jones for a record fee of £14,000 shortly before the Second World War. A brilliant goalscorer for Wolverhampton Wanderers, he was acquired to take the place of Alex James as a creative inside forward. It was not his game, a grave error by George Allison, the manager.

Tactically a comparative failure, Jones however, must be included in a list of other scientific creative inside forwards such as George Eastham, Jimmy Logie, Charlie George and Liam Brady – perhaps the most influential orchestrator since Alex James of the baggy pants, once everybody's boyhood hero. I am sure Arsenal would wish to recover Brady of the deadly left foot from Italy. Alan Ball and Frank McLintock, too, were aggressive wing halves.

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Reg Lewis, a centre forward of subtlety, scored 94 goals in 124 games. He was once given a lift home by the police in a black maria from outside the Café Royal after scoring the two goals that beat Liverpool in the FA Cup final of 1950. Taxis were scarce as giraffes at the North Pole that night.

Chapman, George Allison and Tom Whittaker, who served the club from 1919 to 1956 as player, trainer, assistant manager and manager, followed one another through the thick times. Then came the thin period when Arsenal suffered decline while the 1930s hung around their neck like an albatross as Crayston, Swindin and Billy Wright followed quickly until Bertie Mee led Arsenal to the League and cup double – and entry into Europe – in 1971.

There then followed Terry Neill, a former player, and Don Howe. Now George Graham, a member of that double-winning team, has led the club to a challenge for the title, although Charlie Nicholas yet to show his Celtic form. Bob Wall, secretary and finally a director after more than 50 years at the club, used to hear footsteps around the premises at night. If it was Chapman keeping a ghostly eye on the present, tomorrow is largely up to Graham and his young team.

Ten highlights in club's history

- 1913 – Name and ground changed: 'Woolwich' dropped from their name and moved to Highbury.
- 1919 – Promoted to first division: Arsenal have spent the last 67 consecutive years in the first division and are its longest-serving club.
- 1928 – First five-figure transfer: Herbert Chapman became the first manager to pay £10,000 for a player, buying David Jack from Bolton Wanderers.
- 1934 – England at Highbury: Seven Arsenal players appear in the 3-2 England win against Italy
- 1935 – Three in a row: Chapman led Arsenal to their third successive League championship, a feat equalled only by Huddersfield – while Chapman was manager – and Liverpool.
- 1935 – Deadly Drake: Ted Drake scored seven goals against Stoke City, equalling the record individual total for a first division match.
- 1937 – TV debut: First live televised football match was staged at Highbury and broadcast from the nearby TV studios in Alexandra Palace.
- 1970 – Fairs Cup: Won first European title, against Anderlecht in the Fairs Cup final.
- 1971 – The double: Bertie Mee's side won the League championship and followed it up with the FA Cup, beating Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley.
- 1980 – FA Cup Final: Although beaten 1-0 in the final by West Ham, Arsenal equalled Newcastle's all-time record of 11 FA Cup final appearances.

Three Books which tell the story of Arsenal

- *Arsenal: 1886-1986*, by Phil Soar and Martin Tyler; Hamlyns, £12.95 (£14.95 from the Club shop, including package and postage). Contains details of every League and cup match Arsenal have played – results, teams, and dates, with colour as well as black and white illustrations.
- *The Story of Arsenal*, by Anton Ripon; Moorland Publishers Ltd, £4.95. A detailed history of Highbury up to 1981. Black and white illustrations.
- *Herbert Chapman – Football Emperor*, by Stephen Studd; Peter Owen Ltd, £8.50. A study in the origins of modern soccer, telling the story of Arsenal's most famous manager.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Eagles put ageing Cowboys to flight

By Robert Kirley

In the eyes of Texas, the Philadelphia Eagles could not have caused more consternation on Sunday if they had forgotten the Alamo, stomped on a new stetson and asserted that J. R. Ewing rode side-saddle. By beating the Dallas Cowboys 23-21 on the penultimate weekend of the regular season, the Eagles made certain of their hosts' elimination from contention for a play-off position in the National Football League. Matt Cavanaugh threw two touchdown passes for the Eagles, including the deciding toss three minutes and 57 seconds from time.

The Cowboys, who wilted to their fourth successive defeat, will fail to record more wins than losses for the first time in 21 seasons, a period in which they have played in five Super Bowls. For years the Cowboys thrived on an intricate defensive scheme and a multi-faceted offense that verged on the ingenious. Perhaps, as their self-congratulatory monicker, 'America's team', sought to convey, they really were better disciplined, better prepared and maybe even smarter than their bedazzled opponents. But the evidence is irrefutable that many of their key defenders – notably White and Jones – are losing the race with decrepitude: "a day late and a dollar short" does not distort the facts.

Do not conclude that the Cowboys are downright bad: as the inhabitants of the Lone Star State would only grudgingly admit, 'America's team' have become, quite simply, 'just any ol' team.' Presumably, some new horses will be saddled up next season.

Bernie Kosar passed for 246 yards, including one touchdown, to lead the Browns past Cincinnati, enabling Cleveland to retain their AFC Central division title. Gary Hogeboom, a former Dallas quarterback, passed for 318 yards and two touchdowns to lead Indianapolis to their second successive victory. By beating Buffalo, the Colts may have spoilt their position in the draft of college players. If they and Tampa Bay finish with identical records, the Buccaneers will get the first choice because they have faced weaker competition.

Warren Moon passed for 280 yards and a touchdown as Houston knocked Minnesota out of the play-off race.

RESULTS: Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 3; Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7; Houston 23, Minnesota 10; Indianapolis 24, Buffalo 14; Kansas City 20, Los Angeles Raiders 17; Miami 37, Los Angeles Rams 31 (ot); New Orleans 14, Atlanta 9; New York Giants 27, St Louis 7; Philadelphia 23, Dallas 21; San Francisco 28, New England 24; Seattle 34, San Diego 24.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern division	W	L	D	F	A
††New York Jets	10	5	0	343	334
New Eng Patriots*	10	5	0	378	280
Miami Dolphins	8	7	0	403	371
Buffalo Bills	4	11	0	280	332
Indianapolis Colts	2	13	0	199	376
Central division	W	L	D	F	A
†Cleveland Browns	11	4	0	344	293
Cincinnati Bengals	9	6	0	357	373
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	9	0	288	312
Houston Oilers	4	11	0	258	322
Western division	W	L	D	F	A
†Denver Broncos	11	4	0	362	286
Kansas City Chiefs	9	6	0	334	307
Seattle Seahawks	8	6	0	325	277
LA Raiders	8	7	0	299	316
San Diego Chargers	4	11	0	318	349

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern division	W	L	D	F	A
††New York Giants	13	2	0	316	212
††Washington R	11	4	0	347	282
Dallas Cowboys	7	8	0	336	313
Philadelphia Eagles	5	9	1	242	291
St Louis Cardinals	3	11	1	197	334
Central division	W	L	D	F	A
†Chicago Bears	12	2	0	312	164
Minnesota Vikings	8	7	0	365	256
Detroit Lions	5	9	0	258	290
Green Bay Packers	4	11	0	230	363
Tampa Bay Buc's	2	13	0	222	452
Western division	W	L	D	F	A
††LA Rams	10	5	0	295	243
†San Fran 49ers	9	6	1	350	223
New Orleans Saints	7	8	1	271	254
Atlanta Falcons	6	8	1	260	274

* Does not include last night's game: Detroit v Chicago.
† Have won division championship.
†† Have won position in play-offs.

VOLLEYBALL

A timely lesson for Polonia

By a Special Correspondent

Polonia, the English men's champions, added to their European education when they were beaten by Italian champions Panini Modena 15-4, 15-5, 15-13 in the European Cup first round, second leg in London on Saturday.

Although the Italians comfortably took up the second round place with a 6-0 winning aggregate, Polonia emerged with much credit and came within three points of snatching a set from the Italian giants. Trailing 8-14 in the final set, they fought back to 13-14 before eventually giving way. Panini were without their top player Franco Bertolli.

Speedwell continued their push for the League title by beating Stark 3-1 on Sunday. At the top of the women's First Division of the Royal Bank English League, unbeaten Ashcombe defeated Arsenal 3-0 and Sale crept into second place by beating Portsmouth 3-0 and Speedwell 3-1.

Royal Bank English League:
Men's Division One:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Speedwell	10	9	1	28	9	18
Liverpool	11	8	3	27	17	16
Rockwood	11	7	4	25	19	14
Polonia	7	6	1	20	8	12
Dragonara	8	6	2	20	13	12
Mallory	9	6	3	21	17	12
Bath	10	5	5	17	20	10
Newcastle	9	4	5	17	17	8
Poole	9	3	6	16	19	6
Capital City	12	2	10	17	31	12
Colchester	10	1	9	10	29	2
Portsmouth	10	1	9	9	28	2

Women's Division One:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ashcombe	8	8	0	24	2	16
Sale	8	8	0	24	4	16
Arsenal	9	6	3	20	13	12
Spark	8	5	3	18	12	10
Speedwell	9	5	4	19	16	10
Bradford	9	4	5	16	17	8
Portsmouth	9	4	5	15	17	8
Birmingham	8	2	6	8	18	4
Southgate	9	1	8	3	25	2
Southsea	9	0	9	4	27	0

RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS REORGANIZE PACK IN SEARCH FOR GREATER POSSESSION

Dooley out as North make changes to winning side

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It takes a considerable amount of courage to change a winning side but the men of the North are nothing if not pragmatists. Therefore, the side that will play London at the Wasps ground on Saturday to try and clinch the Thorn-EMI divisional championship shows five changes (one positional) from the team that beat the Midlands at Gosforth last Saturday.

The concern of the Northern selectors at the lack of worthwhile possession won in their two divisional games is obvious in that four of the changes are in the pack and only one derives from injury: Jim Syddall, the Waterloo lock, has recovered from the strained hamstring which prevented him playing at Gosforth and reclaims his place from Nigel Wilkinson, his club colleague.

However, Wade Dooley, the Fylde lock, has been dropped and David Cusani (Orrell) will partner Syddall in the second row. Dooley suffered a severe knee ligament injury playing for the British Lions in Cardiff in April and has not yet rediscovered the form which carried him to 10 England caps in the space of 14 months.

Cusani is another to have suffered disruption to his playing career through serious knee injuries. After touring South Africa with England in 1984, he spent much of the following 18 months on the sidelines. Simon Langford, his club captain, also returns to the North after recovering from a hamstring injury and replaces Graham Jenion (Sale) in the side.

It was the back row which probably gave the North the most heart-searching. The unlucky man is Simon Tipping (Sale) who goes because of the demand for extra height at the back of the lineout. Paul Simpson (Bath) moves from No. 8 to blind-side flanker which leaves room for the first divisional appearance of Andrew Mcfarlane (Fylde).

The divisional games this month have placed a severe strain on the playing resources of the leading clubs, many of whom have merit table fixtures to play. Despite an overwhelming agreement by the senior clubs themselves not to de-merit games, several have done so over the last fortnight which has drawn a tart comment from London Scottish – themselves affected by the demands of the Anglo-Scots in the Scottish district competition.

The organizers of the John Smith's merit tables agreed to a request to de-merit Bath's game with Scottish on December 6 (which was drawn) and Wasps' game with Scottish last Saturday (which Wasps won 12-10). Gloucester's game with Leicester on December 6 was also de-merited (at Leicester's request).

"Although not prepared to support the proposal not to de-meritize last season and again this year," John Lawrence, the London Scottish secretary says in a letter to Peter Jackson, the secretary of the English merit table clubs, "London Scottish stand by the overwhelming majority decision..... a decision taken democratically by the English senior clubs. It is our earnest hope that all members of that august body will reconsider the matter in the light of their frequently-expressed desire to achieve credibility for the John Smith's merit table competition."

It is a fair point though Bath would doubtless counter by saying that last year they abided by the decision and, in all probability, lost their chance of winning the table by fielding what amounted to second teams against Harlequins and Scottish.

They have also offered a variety of alternative dates for the de-merited match to be played, none of which has proved acceptable.

Bath play Harlequins in a merit table A game next Saturday and it is a reasonable assumption, now that the dam gates have burst, that that game too will be de-merited.

The point is that while clubs wish to retain their traditional powers of fixture-making yet, at the same time, delve further into the realms of sponsorship and competition, such anomalies will continue to occur whatever the democratic decisions arrived at and the expressed wishes of the senior clubs' committee that clashes with divisional games should be avoided and de-merited matches should be re-arranged.

NORTH (v London): S Langford (Orrell); M Harrison (Wakefield, captain), W Carling (Durham University), K Simms (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Holmes (Sheffield); M Whitcombe (Bedford), M Fenwick (Durham City), S Peters (Waterloo), P Simpson (Bath), J Syddall (Waterloo), D Cusani (Orrell), P Winterbottom (Headingley), A Mcfarlane (Fylde).

Davies: paired with Jones at half back for the Barbarians

Masters will begin without British

By Chris Thau

An international club competition, the first serious attempt to launch a rugby equivalent of the highly successful European club championship in football, kicks off in both Brive and Toulouse in France today.

Teams from New Zealand (Ponsomby), Australia (West of Brisbane), Argentina (Banco Nacion), Italy (Aquila), Rumania (Farul Constanta) and Fiji (Barbarians) will take on the top two French sides, Toulouse and Agen, in the week-long event, appropriately baptized 'The Masters'.

The project is the brainchild of the probably most successful and forward-looking club president in French rugby, Jean Fabré, a mathematics professor at the Toulouse School of Agriculture and president of the local club.

Surprisingly, no club from either Britain or Ireland is involved. And yet, according to Fabré, the present tournament was initially devised as a sort of a challenge competition between the top English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish clubs on the one hand and the best of the French on the other.

"The Masters has really followed in the footsteps of a domestic competition organized by Toulouse Rugby Club for the past 15 years. It involved the top eight French clubs but, after such a long time, it lost some of its interest," Fabré said.

"Matra Espace have stepped in and together we devised a new plan which would involve the four semi-finalists of the French championship and the top clubs or local selection from each of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland."

The idea was well received by press, public and sponsors, Matra Espace, in particular, and Fabré made some tentative contacts in Britain and Ireland. He mentioned Bath, Hawick, Cardiff and Munster.

"Initially all of them had expressed their interest. Then we had no more feedback for quite a while. I understand that while the Welsh and the Irish unions received the project with some sympathy the English and the Scots were lukewarm, to say the least. They did not say no, nor did they say yes. It dragged on and on until we had to take a decision."

When Fabré and his team of experts saw that there was very little "will to do something" in the British Isles, they went back to the drawing board and decided to change the format.

The fact that Matra Espace had agreed to underwrite the whole operation to the tune of over £½ million has strengthened their position. Instead of four French and four Home Unions clubs they decided to keep in only two French sides and invite the other six from overseas. They approached the unions in New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, Fiji, Italy and Rumania, and the response was overwhelming.

"You have to realize that we are strongly supported by the French Federation. The Masters tournament is designed to help the game develop and resist the challenge of other sports in France. Other sports like basketball, football, volleyball and handball use aggressive marketing techniques and we have to fight them off.

"Our only commodity is the best and most spectacular game there is, rugby. And that's the purpose of this tournament. Despite rugby's relative success in France, the area in which first-class rugby is played is actually shrinking. We've been forced to change the format of the competition but I still hope to have the British Isles represented at a later stage.

"It is my brainchild and I have devised it with the Home Unions in mind, so it would make no sense without them. I didn't take their absence as a rejection but rather as a temporary reluctance. I hope that the success of this edition will convince the four Home Unions to join in."

The tournament kicks off with the preliminary rounds today and tomorrow.

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Constanta (Rumania) v Ponsomby (New Zealand), Toulouse (France) v Banco Nacion (Argentina), West (Australia) v Aquila (Italy), Agen (France) v Fiji Barbarians.

Schools results

Bablake 3, Bishop Vesey's 0; Bancroft's 27, Cooper's 27; Chesham 18, Old Boys 12; Chislehurst and Sidcup GS 10, Wallington HS 11; Colchester RGS 14, Old Boys 14; Cranbrook 7, Old Cranbrookians 5; Darlton HS 0, King Edward VII, Sheffield 31; Edinburgh Academy 0, Dollar 23; Eltham 0, Old Boys 26; Framlingham 20, Old Boys 0; Guildford RGS 20, Whitgift 6; Hampton 24, Tiffin 0; Haydon 0, Latymer Upper 38; Hipperholme GS 16, Fulneck 14; Judd 15, Rochester Math 9; King Edward's, Bath 14, QEH, Bristol 3; King Henry VIII, Coventry 13, Warwick 7; King's, Gloucester 8, Bournside 3; KCS, Wimbledon 12, KCS Old Boys U21 16; Langley Park 0, St Mary's, Sidcup 39; London Oratory 18, High Wycombe RGS 20; Loughborough 18, King's, Macclesfield 14; Maidstone GS 10, Reigate 3; Manting 22, Crypt 0; Penrith 15, Truro 4; Pocklington 0, Old Boys 18; Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 9, Past XV 14; QEGS, Wakefield 39, Harrogate 3; Queen Mary's, Walsall 10, Newcastle-under-Lyme 6; Ryde 24, Bembridge 0; St Albans 10, Watford 15; St Benedict's, Ealing 47, Rutlish 0; St Dunstan's 16, St Olave's 0; St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath 48, Bexley and Erith THS 3; St Paul's 12, Old Pauline XV 6; St Peter's, York 16, Woodhouse Grove 4; Stamford 33, King's, Peterborough 7; Stonyhurst 13, St George's (Zimbabwe) 3; Trinity, Croydon 7, John Fisher 14; UCS 10, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 7; West Park 18, St Mary's, Liverpool 3; Oratory 6, St George's Harare.

Barbarians' fine blend

The Barbarians have paid Leicester the compliment of selecting a magnificent back division for the annual Christmas encounter at Welford Road on December 27 (David Hands writes). Four Welshmen line up with an Irishman and two Frenchmen and if their forwards can win them some half-decent ball then the usual capacity crowd should be in for a treat.

Jonathan Davies, the Neath stand-off half, who is in such commanding form at the moment, is paired with his Wales partner, Robert Jones. Outside him Jean-Baptiste Lafond and Denis Charvet, the exciting French pair, join forces with Brendan Mullin and Ieuan Evans, the one uncapped player in the side.

Charvet is the only new Barbarian in a side which includes no Scots because the last round of the inter-district championship is staged on the same day. Paul Thorburn, the Neath full back, makes up the back division.

Michael Gibson has been selected at No. 8 but his ability to play must be in doubt because of the hand injury he sustained playing for London Irish against Northampton on Saturday. He has broken a bone and will certainly miss Saturday's Irish trial at Lansdowne Road.

Hugo MacNeill, the London Irish full back, withdrew from that same club game because of a strained hamstring but hopes to take his place in the trial.

BARBARIANS (v Leicester, December 27): P Thorburn (Neath and Wales); J-B Lafond (Racing Club and France), D Charvet (Toulouse and France), B Mullin (Oxford University and Ireland), I Evans (Llanelli); J Davies (Neath and Wales), R Jones (Swansea and Wales); P Rendell (Wasps and England), H Harbison (Bective Rangers and Ireland), D Fitzgerald (Lansdowne and Ireland), P Matthews (Wanderers and Ireland), N Redman (Bath and England), W Anderson (Dungannon and Ireland), G Rees (Nottingham and England), M Gibson (London Irish and Ireland).

Bangor chase seventh cup final triumph

By George Ace

Bangor, who meet Ballymena in tonight's Bass Boston Cup final, have contested the last stage on nine occasions and have won the trophy six times. That the competition, now in its thirteenth year, is held under Bangor's own lights, arguably tips the scales in their favour.

Nevertheless, it is a splendid record and, home or away, Bangor have proved themselves one of the top three Irish clubs.

Ballymena, the current section one pacemakers and reigning league champions, will be playing in their first floodlit final.

Garth Maxwell, the Bangor captain, misses the action as does Ballymena's Ulster scrum half, Rab Brady. Maxwell has a broken finger and Brady a dislocated shoulder.

London Irish ready to elect new captain

By David Hands

London Irish, whose standing in the John Smith's merit table B was not improved by their fifth defeat in five table games at the weekend, will elect a new captain during the next month.

The second event, it should be stressed, is not a consequence of the first. Paul O'Donnell, who was in his second season as club captain, has had to resign because pressure of business - he is a stockbroker - means he is unable to attend training regularly which places him in a somewhat invidious position relative to the other members of the first-team squad.

O'Donnell, aged 29, remains available for selection and in the normal course of events Michael Gibson, the vice-captain, would take over the captaincy. But he broke a bone in his hand on Saturday and will be absent while it mends; he is also keen to establish himself in the Ireland side, after playing in the 60-0 defeat of Romania in November, and may not always be available himself.

"It's not been the best of seasons for us and in that situation you need a stable position for the captaincy," O'Donnell said. "I have asked for the players to decide on a permanent appointment and I imagine the decision will have been made by January for the rest of the season." The Irish have another merit table match this weekend, when they play London Welsh at Sunbury.

RACING: BUNDLE BOY CAN LAND SECOND LUDLOW VICTORY

Balding to maintain fine strike rate with long-range double

By Mandarin

Toby Balding, riding on the crest of a wave with 26 winners so far this season, can maintain the momentum with a long-range novice double through Forcello (1.30) at Ludlow and Saint Acton (12.45) at Folkestone.

Forcello, who contests the Mariscal Novices' Hurdle, was a warm order when making his debut at Newbury last month but finished a well-beaten fifth behind Ricmar.

However, the three-year-old, who showed useful form on the Flat when trained by Steve Norton, obviously had learnt a good deal from his Newbury experience for next time out at Worcester he beat a big field of juvenile hurdlers in good style.

The Peter Walwyn trained Framlington Court, beaten six lengths by my selection that day, reopposes on 6lb better terms, so on form there should not be much between them today. However, Forcello may have more scope and a greater threat could be Martin Pipe's Longghurst who stayed on strongly to beat Precious Link at Plumpton last month.

Balding's other hope, Saint Acton, heads for the No Silver Novices' Hurdle at the Kent course with a promising Worcester performance under his belt.

The five-year-old was just caught by Sandyla in a novices' handicap hurdle and looks to have an easier task today despite the presence of David Nicholson's Let Him By who failed by a head to catch Brown Windsor at Towcester.

Josh Gifford's Musical Mystery showed the utmost gameness in holding Fourth Tudor at Fontwell Park recently and I expect the Findon four-year-old to follow up successfully in the Stanford Novices' Hurdle at the expense of Di Haine's Ickworth, who showed considerable promise behind Midnight Train at Lingfield Park.

Reverting to Ludlow, the former Irish chaser Bundle Boy appeals as the best bet of the day to land the three miles Oporto Handicap Chase.

The Tim Forster-trained eight-year-old, who won at Gowran Park last season when trained by Edward O'Grady, has wasted little time in acclimatizing to racing in this country, winning an amateur riders' handicap over today's course and distance last month.

That was Bundle Boy's only second effort in England and further improvement can be expected from this smart staying recruit who carries the famous Arkle colours of Anne, Duchess of Westminster.

Jenny Pitman's Storm House made good headway on his seasonal reappearance to finish fifth behind Prince Ramboro in a two-mile handicap hurdle at Worcester. This useful four-year-old should step up now to claim the Claret Handicap Hurdle.

Martin Pipe's Longghurst (right) and Peter Scudamore, seen here beating Precious Link at Plumpton, chase a double in today's Mariscal Novices' Hurdle at Ludlow

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Saint Acton. 1.15 Rambling Wild. 1.45 Marine. 2.15 Golden Minstrel. 2.45 Manston Marauder. 3.15 Musical Mystery.

By Michael Seely

12.45 Let Him By. 3.15 Toms Treasure.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 DALBURY.

Going: soft

12.45 'NO SILVER' NOVICE HURDLE (£720: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

2 02134 LIGHT THE LOT (G Hackett) J Jenkins 5-11-10 S Sherwood 84 10-1
3 0P0-001 MORE ONE WAY (D Heath) R Parker 5-11-10 W Humphries (7) 70 20-1
7 AYRES ROCK (D Myers) M Haynes 5-11-4 A Wright — —
11 40-2P DAVY'S WEIR (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 6-11-4 R Rowe 94 6-1
12 002/2 ITALIAN SUNRISE (B) (P Woodward) D Oughton 6-11-4 P Double 86 5-1
13 32 LET HIM BY (BF) (T Painting) D Nicholson 6-11-4 R Dunwoody 91 F3-1
14 00/04 MAJESTIC BRANDY (C Nash) C Nash 6-11-4 M Bosley (4) 68 20-1
15 P MUKHULI (Miss E Sneyd) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-4 B Powell — —
17 22233-2 SAINT ACTON (E Weinstein) G Balding 5-11-4 G Bradley ●99 5-1
19 04- SUGARVILLE LEE (S Powell) P Haynes 5-11-4 A Madgwick 82 12-1
20 THE NIGELSTAN (Rumon Services Ltd) P Haynes 5-11-4 A Webb — —
21 FARAPOUR (P Hayward) P Mitchell 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER — —
22 0F ISLAND EXILE (D Humphreys) A Moore 4-11-0 G Moore — —
23 P SEAL COURT (Mrs M Giles) J Scallan 4-11-0 M Furlong — —
25 00-P0 HILLY-DOWN LASS (P Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 5-10-13 B Powell — 16-1
26 00300-3 CELAIR (Miss L Kent) R Hoad 4-10-9 M Hoad (7) 83 16-1
28 33 TREBLE CHANCE (M Bryant) S Woodman 4-10-9 C Brown 90 8-1

1985: SINGLECOTE 5-11-4 M Bastard (3-1) Mrs P Sly 18 ran

FORM LIGHT THE LOT (11-0) was up to form when 15l 4th to Buckskins Best (11-0) at Sandown (2m 5f 75yds, £4862, good to soft, Nov 28, 11 ran) with ISLAND EXILE (11-0) always behind in 9th and a below par DAVY'S WEIR (11-0) pulled up after being prominent early. Previously DAVY'S WEIR (11-0) a length 2nd to Troy Fair (11-0) at Worcester (2m 4f, £1034, soft, Nov 19, 19 ran). ITALIAN SUNRISE (10-5) was ridden out when 6l 2nd to Lockner Lad (10-6) here at Folkestone last time (2m 6f, £685, soft, Nov 24, 14 ran). LET HIM BY (10-10) was always up with the pace when a head 2nd to Brown Windsor (10-6) Towcester (2m 5f 26yds, £698, good, Nov 29, 13 ran). SAINT ACTON (11-9) was only just caught on the line, beaten 1½l by Sandyla (10-8) at Worcester on seasonal debut (2m 4f, £994, good to soft, Dec 3, 14 ran) and runs off a lenient mark here. CELAIR (9-7) was claimer ridden when 12½l 3rd to Joli's Girl (10-6) at Folkestone (2m 6f, £685, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran).
Selection: SAINT ACTON

1.15 ALDINGTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,272: 2m) (16 runners)

2 23-B31F RAMBLING WILD (P Deal) P W Harris 5-11-6 R Stronge 85 7-1
3 1/44-203 BLUECHER (J Stringer) D Grissell 5-11-0 R Goldstein — F9-4
4 4443/00- BOARDMANS STYLE (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 8-11-0 — — —
5 002-FF0 BOYNE SALMON (T Duke) Miss L Bower 6-11-0 R Rowell 80 10-1
7 000-000 BYROC BOY (R Matthews) R Curtis 9-11-0 M Hoad (7) — —
8 000-23 CANTORIAL (Sir John Thomson) R Armytage 5-11-0 Mr M Armytage (7) 70 —
10 00/030-0 DALBURY (R Smale) A Moore 8-11-0 G Moore ●99 6-1
12 00/P0-2B FLEDGE (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-11-0 Mrs N Ledger 72 12-1
14 400/04 IDLE MATINEE (I Page) Mrs N Smith 5-11-0 M Harrington — —
15 003-120 JACUZZI (N Leggett) P Haynes 6-11-0 A Webb 77 11-4
16 P30P/PP PRINCE FELIX (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 6-11-0 — — —
17 0-0 ROCABAY BLUE (D Glayzer) R Champion 5-11-0 M Richards — —
18 022/04-0 SCALE THE HEIGHTS (P Buckley) P Duggins 7-11-0 R Dunwoody — —
19 01110-0 STIKIT'S BROTHER (Mrs A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 8-11-0 B Powell — 11-2
21 0000/PP UNCLE DAI (E Treacy) J Bridger 7-11-0 K Burke — —
24 F40-20B VENETIAN PRINCESS (Mrs J Peel) A Moore 5-10-9 — — 14-1

1985: YACARE 6-11-0 Mr G Sloan (7-2) J Gifford 16 ran

FORM RAMBLING WILD (10-9) best judged on penultimate start when beating CANTORIAL (10-9) an easy 25l at Southwell (2m, £934, heavy, Nov 24, 5 ran). BLUECHER (11-5) best effort over hurdles this season when 4l 2nd to Little Sloop (11-2) at Stratford (2m, £1915, good, Oct 18, 7 ran). BOYNE SALMON (10-11) disappointing this season but showed up well on final outing last term when ¾l 2nd to Autumn Zulu (11-6) here (2m, £1280, soft, Apr 29, 7 ran). DALBURY (12-1) never showed behind Whither Goest Thou (10-10) in a Worcester (2m, good to soft) hurdle on reappearance; best effort over fences last season when (10-10) 23l 3rd to The Catchpool (10-10) at Sandown (2m, 4f, £3298, soft, Jan 4, 10 ran). On penultimate start FLEDGE (10-0) 2½l 2nd to Manston Marauder (11-0) at Plumpton (2m, £2040, soft, Nov 26, 7 ran). JACUZZI (11-2) never in with a chance after an 8th fence blunder when 41½l 6th to Summons (11-2) at Wincanton (2m, £1665, good to soft, Nov 13, 12 ran). STIKIT'S BROTHER (10-3) last successful when beating Reverend Bashers (9-7) 2l at Leopardstown (2m 6f H'cap H, £1242, good, Mar 4, 10 ran).
Selection: DALBURY

1.45 SELLINDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£715: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 DEM AND DOZE (Mrs B Emery) R Akehurst 7-12-7 Dale McKeown (7) — —
4 022-213 FLAMING PEARL (BF) (R Goodman) B Stevens 5-11-9 Penny Fitch-Heyes (7) 91 F3-1
5 00FF-00 BRITISH CROWN (M Bolton) S Woodman 10-11-7 R Dunwoody 91 10-1
6 000-001 MARINE (C Holmes) C Holmes 8-11-2 (6ex) C Cox (4) ●99 8-1
7 P30110 STEAMY (B) (Miss J Reed) D Oughton 5-11-1 L Jenkins (7) 92 7-2
8 0/PPFP0 DRUMMOND STREET (F Hill) A Moore 7-11-0 G Moore — —
10 03043/0 TARLETON ELM (D Myers) M Haynes 6-10-12 A Wright — 14-1
11 00/0003- VAGABOND VICTOR (R Hall) P Allingham 10-10-11 87 12-1
12 00-030 THAMES TRADER (H Booty) P Haynes 5-10-11 A Webb — —
13 30-4300 GOLDORATION (N Upson) P Upson 11-10-11 S Smith Eccles 90 9-2
15 004/000 BALLYSEEDY HERO (J Ford) Miss P O'Connor 8-10-6 E Waite — —
16 0003U0 LIBERTY WALK (V) (Mrs B Sheridan) G Gracey 7-10-5 97 10-1
17 000-00 MISS ME NOT (M Trusler) B Wise 4-10-3 R Rowell 88 —
20 00/0F00 FADING DAWN (O Henley) P Butler 9-10-0 R Goldstein — —
21 0 WOOLMANS (J Thomson) J Scallan 7-10-0 M Furlong — —

1985: NOOKIE BEAR 8-10-7 A Webber (9-1) D Grissell 14 ran

FORM FLAMING PEARL, a consistent sort, is already a selling winner this season and (11-0) ran creditably to be 8½l 3rd to Nabeeh (10-8) at Southwell (2m, £814, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). MARINE (11-7) was a most impressive 6l Bangor selling hurdle winner recently from Glen Maye (11-2) and remains in a good mark (2m, £720, soft, Dec 8, 13 ran). STEAMY, running well this season, (10-9) beat Chesterfield (10-0) a neck at Fontwell with BRITISH CROWN (11-9) 7¼l away 5th, THAMES TRADER (10-12) 7th, BALLYSEEDY HERO (10-13) and GOLDORATION (10-10), disappointing at present, both unplaced (2m 2f, £874, good, Nov 4, 22 ran). VAGABOND VICTOR, has been a useful performer in that past and showed signs of returning to that form when (11-2) 10l 3rd to SPARKLER SPIRIT (11-0) in a Fakenham seller (2m, £1139, good, May 26, 13 ran). LIBERTY WALK has not really run to best this season but (10-6) was not disgraced when 20¼l 3rd to CINDIE GIRL (10-0) at Huntingdon (2m 100yds, £980, good, Oct 25, 11 ran).
Selection: MARINE

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103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

2.15 HEATHFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,496: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

1 2-212123 GOLDEN MINSTREL (C,D) (W Gale) J Gifford 7-11-10 R Rowe ●99 F9-4
3 F/30P0-4 ROCK SAINT (C) (G Gregson) G Gregson 9-11-5 Mr T Grantham (4) — —
4 630P40- SAUNDERS (Mrs L Clay) Mrs L Clay 12-11-4 — — —
6 1332-34 MR CANDY (A Moore) A Moore 7-11-1 G Moore 92 7-1
7 10F0-4P FAIR CHILD (Mrs S Watts) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-0 B Powell 92 12-1
9 34PPP-2 LENEY DUAL (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 11-10-7 Mr D Pitcher 94 3-1
10 0134-PF BROWN'S STAR (R Tonkin) D Oughton 6-10-6 P Double 89 —
11 30-03U2 DOUBLEUAGAIN (BF) (B Clark) C Holmes 12-10-4 C Cox (4) 98 7-2
12 42-F030 SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (R Dove) Miss L Bower 10-10-4 R Rowell 94 5-1
13 0P1F-P0 MOUNT FEDDANE (B) (G Beer) P Jones 10-10-0 C Mann 96 —
14 3/PUPP-0 PLAYFIELDS (Andrew Bairds Tennis Courts Ltd) P Burgoyne 12-10-0 A Carroll — —
15 UPP/PF3 VALMAI (R Ledger) R Ledger 7-10-0 Mrs N Ledger 88 —

1985: DARGAI 9-11-8 A Webber (Evens fav) R Armytage 8 ran

FORM GOLDEN MINSTREL (12-0) not at best when 27l 3rd to Greenbank Park (11-5) at Towcester (3m 1f, good); last successful when (10-0) beating Bundle Boy (11-7) 10l at the same course (3m 1f, £2519, good, Nov 13, 4 ran). On final start last season GOLDEN MINSTREL (12-0) had BROWN'S STAR (11-7) 2¼l back in 4th when a length 2nd to Codger (11-0) over this course and distance (£1743, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran). On latest start BROWN'S STAR (10-0) still in contention when falling 3 out in race won by Care (11-6) at Huntingdon (3m, good to soft). DOUBLEUAGAIN (11-8) could not get in a blow at the winner when 10l 2nd to Legal Sugar (10-2) at Worcester (2m 4f, £1332, good to soft, Dec 3, 8 ran). VALMAI (10-0) 6¾l 3rd to Steel Yeoman (10-7) with MR CANDY (11-9) 30l back in 4th, SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (10-12) 6l away 5th and MOUNT FEDDANE (10-8) a further 1½l back in 6th at Plumpton (3m 1f, £1368, soft, Dec 9, 13 ran). MR CANDY (10-9) last successful when beating Delator (10-10) 12l at Lingfield (3m, £2047, heavy, Jan 16, 10 ran). MOUNT FEDDANE (10-8) beat Mercy Less (11-0) a short head with DOUBLEUAGAIN (12-6) another 13½l back in 5th at Plumpton (2m 4f soft) in March.
Selection: BROWN'S STAR

2.45 SHADDOXHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£948: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

4 31PP0-3 GRAIGUENAMANAGH (D) (J Hughes) Miss L Bower 11-11-7 C Warren 93 3-1
5 202141 MANSTON MARAUDER (D) (M Smith) P Hedger 10-11-6 (6ex) C Llewellyn 95 F9-4
7 F02140 ANSWER TO PRAYER (J F-Hayes) J Fitch-Hayes 7-10-12 Penny Fitch-Heyes 90 8-1
9 2024-40 ARCHERS PRINCE (R Shaw) C James 8-10-8 W Humphries ●99 10-1
11 3443-0F HIGH RIDGE (B) (E Lodge) J Perratt 7-10-5 J Hurst 98 —
12 44U33F PRINCE MOON (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-10-4 A Charlton 97 5-1
13 0004-0F AREN'T WE ALL (T Thorn) J Bridger 7-10-3 — 95 12-1
14 P43P1/P LAWRENCE-LEE (CD) (Miss Z Davison) G Gracey 9-10-1 P Gracey — 25-1

1985: FLAMTEX LAD 8-10-0 M Hoad (50-1) R Hoad 6 ran

FORM GRAIGUENAMANAGH (10-12) 20¼l 3rd to Downpayment (10-12) at Fontwell (2m 2f Sell Ch, £994, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran). MANSTON MARAUDER (11-1) ran on well under pressure to beat Smiling Cavalier (10-0) ¾l at Huntingdon (2m Opp Ch, £1646, good to soft, Dec 12, 5 ran). ANSWER TO PRAYER (11-5) best judged on a length beating of St Colme (11-12) at Hexham (2m, £861, good to firm, Sept 8, 5 ran). ARCHERS PRINCE (10-0) never in with a chance when 20l 6th to Akram (11-9) at Wincanton (2m, £1950, good to soft, Nov 27, 7 ran). HIGH RIDGE (11-5) best effort over fences when 12l 3rd to Doubleton (11-3) at Windsor (2m Nov H'cap Ch, £1491, soft, Jan 29, 14 ran). PRINCE MOON (10-5) not disgraced on penultimate start when 7½l 3rd to Awning (10-0) at Windsor (2m, £1315, good to soft, Nov 17, 8 ran). AREN'T WE ALL (11-1) best effort this season when 36½l 8th to Against The Grain (11-0) at Kempton (2m, 4f Nov Ch, £2058, good to soft, Nov 20, 11 ran); best effort last season (11-3) when 4l 4th to Maitradee (11-3) at Plumpton (2m Mdn Ch, £2129, good to firm, May 2, 15 ran).
Selection: HIGH RIDGE

3.15 STANFORD NOVICE HURDLE (£893: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

2 42-01 MUSICAL MYSTERY (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 4-11-6 R Rowe 95 5-2
3 0-0 BILLY'S BRIDGE (P Madigan) J Jenkins 5-11-4 F Leahy 76 —
9 0 HELLO ROCKY (R Shaw) Miss E Sneyd 5-11-4 — — —
11 KING VIV (D Marley) D Grissell 5-11-4 R Goldstein — —
15 P-22PF TURCY BOY (S Crowe) A Ingham 5-11-4 Steve Knight 70 —
17 1 TOMS TREASURE (Amity Properties Ltd) R Akehurst 4-11-1 Dale McKeown (7) ●99 11-4
19 CHEKOV (S Tindall) S Mellor 4-11-0 G Charles Jones — —
20 0022P-0 CRIMSON BOLD (Mrs N Langmead) J Jenkins 4-11-0 S Sherwood 86 10-1
21 FARAPOUR (P Hayward) P Mitchell 4-11-0 G Bradley — —
23 2 ICKWORTH (Lord Bristol) Mrs D Haine 4-11-0 S Smith Eccles 92 5-1
28 RIDLEY BOY (D Welsh) A Turnell 4-11-0 C Mann — —
29 24 ROAD TO KELLS (J Saunders) C Bensted 4-11-0 M Harrington 93 5-1
30 0 SAFE CUSTODY (Southern Counties Civil Eng Co Ltd) P Haynes 4-11-0 A Webb — —
32 F00-42 TRUE WEIGHT (Mrs J Cundy) M Madgwick 4-11-0 A Madgwick 93 8-1
34 0/0 GOLDEN SHERRY (S Bird) J Scallan 7-10-13 Mr T Moore (7) — —
35 P-PF80P BIRD ASH (P Poston) P Poston 4-10-9 C Warren (7) — —
37 LISMORE (A Struthers) Mrs N Smith 4-10-9 C Brown — —

1985: TRAFFITANZI 4-11-0 C Brown (14-1) D Elsworth 19 ran

FORM MUSICAL MYSTERY (10-11) battled on well to beat Fourth Tudor (10-11) a neck at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran). TURCY BOY (10-5) last completed the course when 4l 2nd to Miss Sinclair (10-7) at Devon (2m 1f, £497, firm, Oct 7, 8 ran). TOMS TREASURE (9-12) was an all the way winner by 10l from Canuck Clown (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yds, £685, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran). CRIMSON BOLD (10-10) was seen to best advantage last season when 8l 2nd to Miss Never Hyde (10-5) at Plumpton (2m, £548, heavy, Apr 21, 12 ran). ICKWORTH (11-0) was a 50/1 shot when 15l 2nd to the talented Midnight Train (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £685, soft, Dec 6, 20 ran). ROAD TO KELLS (11-0) was at his best on debut when 15l 2nd to Swimmer (11-0) at Kempton (2m, £1643, good to soft, Nov 20, 11 ran). TRUE WEIGHT (10-10) improved last time when 1½l 2nd to Signalman (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yds, £685, good to soft, Nov 17, 12 ran).
Selection: TOMS TREASURE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Armytage	4	15	26.7
J Gifford	16	73	21.9
P Haynes	5	23	21.7
J Jenkins	12	72	16.7
B Wise	4	40	10.0

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Sherwood	6	21	28.6
R Rowe	13	63	20.6
R Rowell	5	55	9.1
R Goldstein	4	61	6.5

Only qualifiers

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Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 High Reef. 1.00 Golden Redeemer. 1.30 Forcello. *2.00 BUNDLE BOY (nap).* 2.30 Cantabile. 3.00 Storm House.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 BUNDLE BOY (nap).

Going: good to soft

12.30 AMONTILLADO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£926: 2m) (17 runners)

2 003-040 BALTIC SEA (D) (C Cleary) D Wintle 5-11-7 P Mellis (5) ●99 8-1
3 042440 CAREEN (D,BF) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-7 J Lower 97 F3-1
6 334-034 HIGH REEF (BF) (J Livock) D Tucker 5-11-7 R Sparks (5) — 83
8 PP/08PP KARAMOUN (M Lee) P Bowden 5-11-7 G Morgan (5) 93 —
10 000-000 SAUNSON BOY (B,D) (T Hilback) J P Smith 6-11-7 G Landau 90 12-1
13 10040-0 TIPO STYLE (B) (D Bentley) P Bevan 5-11-7 J Barton (5) 92 8-1
14 04- TORS (A Millward) M Lambert 5-11-7 R Marley 88 —
16 FRANKIES BABY (B Bishop) K Bridgwater 5-11-2 K Ryan — —
17 200F24 HALLOWED (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 4-11-2 N Fearn 90 12-1
20 0/P0000- QUEENSBURY LIZ (A Spruce) R Jeffrey 5-11-2 — — —
21 0PP-03F WEDDING TALK (D) (M Fry) O O'Neill 5-11-2 P Grassick 93 5-1
22 0 JOUSTING BOY (S Elmer) M Chapman 3-10-7 S Mitchell (5) — —
23 PP0 K O ISLAND (S Seymour) W G Turner 3-10-7 Tracy Turner (5) — —
24 0 MARSHAL BLAKE (M Worthington) D Burchell 3-10-7 S Davies — —
27 F1 TYRANNISE (D Ball) B McMahon 3-10-6 C Keater (5) 87 7-2
28 3 BOLD PETAL (M Pointon) D Burchell 3-10-2 Diane Jones (5) 82 7-1
34 P WATENDLATH (R Frost) R Frost 3-10-2 C Hopwood (5) — —

1985: OUR CHICKLETTE 3-8-9 C Prince (20-1) B Morgan 11 ran

1.0 CHAMPAGNE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,766: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 111-304 PATRICK'S FAIR (W Slater) R Peacock 10-11-10 K Ryan (7) 82 8-1
3 431434 WEE WILLIAM (B Hicks) J M Bradley 9-11-5 G Davies 85 8-1
7 0000-F0 JUVENILE PRINCE (Hingley & Callow Oils) M Oliver 8-11-0 J Duggan 80 —
8 002-143 LING (BF) (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 8-10-12 D Skyrme (7) 89 5-1
10 042F-33 BOARDMANS VALUE (A Lester) C Trietline 8-10-11 J Suthern 98 6-1
12 341002 BELLIVER PRINCE (Cadl & Co Ltd) J H Baker 6-10-9 B Wright 94 12-1
13 02/F03-U SWIFT RETORT (G Beccle) T Forster 6-10-7 H Davies ●99 10-1
16 40000P BROCHE (T Bish) K Bishop 5-10-3 J Frost 90 —
17 10P-004 GOLDEN REDEEMER (Mrs E Misa) R Francis 8-10-3 S J O'Neill 97 9-2
18 220-F32 GO ANNA GO (T Bailey) T Bailey 5-10-0 P Warner 95 F7-2
19 F-40033 HOPEFUL CHIMES (Mrs J Duckett) R Dickin 7-10-0 C Jones 93 12-1
20 PPR0/ HASTY BOY (S Burfield) J D Roberts 8-10-0 C Gray — —
21 U00-FPP FITZGAYLE (R Dennis) K Bishop 8-10-0 P Richards — —
23 00P/P-P0 MAJOR SYMPHONY (B Wills) J Honeyball 8-10-0 Peter Hobbs — —
25 0P0/PP-P IMPOUND (G Cossey) J Honeyball 7-10-0 A Jones — —
28 00P-0 HUNTWORTH (D White) C Popham 6-10-0 S McNeill — —

1985: HIGH RIDGE 6-10-4 R Stronge (20-1) J Perrett 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	5	20	25.0
T Forster	16	68	23.5
R Hollinshead	9	44	20.4
M Pipe	8	45	17.8
O O'Neill	5	33	15.2
M Oliver	9	79	11.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
H Davies	17	86	19.7
S Morshead	13	77	16.9
P Scudamore	20	131	15.2
P Warner	11	81	13.6
J Suthern	7	86	8.1

Only qualifiers

1.30 MARISCAL NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £853: 2m) (18 runners)

2 01 FORCELLO (D) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 11-4 J Frost 98 9-2
3 1 *LONGGHURST (D) (J Terry) M Pipe 11-4* P Scudamore 85 F5-2
6 BICKERMAN (B Dowling) J Spearing 10-12 S Morshead — —
11 020 DRY GIN (O Naylor) M Chapman 10-12 S Mitchell (7) 81 12-1
12 0 FOREMAST (J Livock) D Tucker 10-12 S McNeill 83 10-1
13 20 FRAMLINGTON COURT (BF) (L Smith) P Walwyn 10-12 D Browne ●99 6-1
14 FRENCH FLUTTER (Mrs C Chartlet) C Chartlet 10-12 R Campbell — 12-1
15 00 IDLE SONG (Mrs L Rudd) R Hollinshead 10-12 P Dever — —
19 U MURHAF (J Joseph) R Frost 10-12 C Hopwood (7) — —
21 PRIMULA PLEASE (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 10-12 H Davies — 12-1
23 000 ROCKALL (H Man) B Stevens 10-12 — 67 —
25 0P ST JAME'S RISK (T Evans) F Jordan 10-12 C Smith — —
29 WALCISIN (J H Baker) J H Baker 10-12 S Earle (4) — 8-1
30 03 CLAP YOUR HANDS (Mrs M Shayler) P Bevan 10-7 — 70 10-1
32 40 HILLGATE LADY (D Llewellyn) M Scudamore 10-7 A Sharpe — —
33 0 JANE CRAIG (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-7 — — —
38 33 SOLENT EXPRESS (BF) (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 10-7 — 75 —
40 0 TUDOR D'OR (K Dancer) M Castell 10-7 J D Doyle (4) — —

1985: WATFORD GAP 10-12 Miss S Lawrence (4-1) N Gaselee 17 ran

2.0 OPORTO HANDICAP CHASE (£1,671: 3m) (8 runners)

2 010/31P- FREDWEL (Miss C Bingham) P Bailey 11-11-10 S Morshead ●99 10-1
3 41330R BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (D) (S Burfield) J D Roberts 12-11-8 N Fearn 89 10-1
4 1200-21 BUNDLE BOY (CD) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 8-11-6 H Davies 94 F6-4
5 122033 BASHFUL LAD (CD,BF) (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 11-11-0 J Duggan 93 6-1
8 024432 COUNTY PLAYER (Mrs H Knott) C F C Jackson 9-10-7 R Hyett 94 6-1
10 3P-1330 SCOTS NOGGER (C) (Mrs M Spearing) J Spearing 11-10-3 P Warner 94 7-2
12 004P/0-4 VULRORY'S PIE (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-10-0 J Suthern — 16-1
13 040401 CITADEL ROC (B) (Miss R Dudley) J M Bradley 11-10-0 (5ex) G Davies 85 8-1

1985: GRANNIE'S PET 10-10-2 P Barton (4-1 fav) D Gandolfo 11 ran

2.30 BURGUNDY NOVICE CHASE (£1,444: 2m) (13 runners)

1 U3P-010 CANTABILE (CD) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 7-11-2 Jacqui Oliver (7) ●99 3-1
2 03-01UF YELLOW STAG (D) (T Kelly) R Francis 6-11-2 S J O'Neill 92 F5-2
5 PP00-00 FAIR EXAMINER (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 8-11-0 Mr B Towers — —
7 44-04BU GOINGO (R Brown) R Brown 7-11-0 J Brown (7) 96 9-2
8 124-000 GO LISSAVA (B Bailey) R Peacock 8-11-0 K Ryan (7) — —
9 492-000 HARVEST (Benningtons Furniture Ltd) O O'Neill 7-11-0 — — 10-1
10 00004/P- JOB SHOP (Pertemps Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-11-0 P Dever — —
11 003220- MISTER BOOT (R Weatherall) O O'Neill 7-11-0 J Suthern — 8-1
12 44P0-F0 NOBLE BLADE (R Lambert) A Nightingale 6-11-0 M Caswell — —
14 U00-0U0 ROCKMAN (B) (Mrs P Rigby) Mrs P Rigby 7-11-0 — 90 —
16 43P/F40 *STEVASA (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 7-11-0* P Nicholls — 8-1
17 THE BONDERIZER (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 6-11-0 S McNeill — —
20 10000P/ SILENT SURRENDER (R Smith) J King 6-10-9 — — —

1985: AKRAM 7-11-7 G McCourt (2-1 fav) R Hodges 12 ran

3.0 CLARET HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,676: 2m) (20 runners)

3 240041 REDGRAVE ARTIST (D) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-10 (5ex) — 98 7-2
4 32132-0 STORM HOUSE (D) (Mrs N Myers) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-7 M Pitman 90 12-1
5 41330-4 ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (D) (G Chipman) B McMahon 5-11-7 Mr E McMahon (7) 91 —
6 200/004 ROYAL MANX (CD) (Bryn Palling Ltd) B Palling 9-11-5 C Evans (4) — —
7 0-00004 TAGIO (CD) (M Tate) M Tate 5-11-1 C Smith 91 —
8 0030-20 BOLD RODERICK (D) (G Richards) Granville Richards 7-10-12 Miss T Davis (7) 96 —
9 0-40300 ENSIGNS KIT (CD) (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 11-10-11 M Brisbourne 95 —
10 9F02F-2 BLOW MY TOP (R Broomhall) R Holder 7-10-10 N Coleman 89 9-2
11 F0131-1 I WONDER WHEN (D) (M Osman) G Price 5-10-10 B Dowling (7) 97 F6-4
13 032-000 SILVER PROSPECT (Mrs K Darby) R Hollinshead 5-10-9 P Dever 89 —
15 P002/0- WALK IN RHYTHM (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 5-10-7 Miss L Wallace (7) — —
17 0039-00 CABRAL (B Clark) C Vernon Miller 5-10-6 D Browne 92 —
19 002-224 LIZZY LONGSTOCKING (BF) Mrs J Wonnacott 4-10-5 D Wonnacott (7) ●99 6-1
20 0080/ EYTON STREAKER (F Beddoes) Mrs W Sykes 6-10-3 S Morshead — —
21 B0-1002 HYDE (D) (I Anderson) I Anderson 9-10-3 A Murphy (7) 98 10-1
22 000-004 CAROL'S MUSIC (B) (C Pudge) A James 5-10-0 G Jones 97 8-1
23 FP0-00 FIELDS OF FRANCE (T Hallett) T Hallett 5-10-0 P Richards — —
24 P30FF0 SUNNY REEF (D) (K Dowdeswell) J Cosgrave 6-10-0 T Platfield (7) 85 —
25 008P/P0 MILLERS WAY (Miss S Robinson) W G Turner 6-10-0 Tracy Turner (7) — —
27 030-800 DALLAS SMITH (V) (S Elmer) M Chapman 5-10-0 S Mitchell (7) 85 —

Smith's Man eyes National after triumphant return

Smith's Man, returning to the fray after an absence of 12 months, started on the Grand National trail by winning the Holly Handicap Chase at Leicester yesterday.

Arthur Smith was keen to run his grey in the big Aintree race last spring, but the gelding wrenched an off-fore joint competing in the Welsh National and his trainer, Jenny Pitman, advised waiting for another year.

Smith's Man got the better of a duel with Tracy's Special by threequarters of a length as the pair drew away from Mayanncor over the last two fences.

The favourite Indamelody gave Steve Smith Eccles a nasty fall when he came to grief four fences from home, having just relinquished the lead to Mayanncor.

Smith Eccles was kicked in the stomach and later taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary for X-rays. He missed a winning ride on Mandavi in the Ivy Handicap Hurdle. Nick Henderson's conditional jockey, Michael Bowlby, deputised and brought Mandavi home clear of Prefalas and Shipwright to gain his eighth winner this season.

It was a good performance by Smith's Man after his long lay-off, the eight-year-old giving Mark Perrett his first winner since he returned to the saddle after injury.

"I have entered Smith's Man for a lot of middle-of-the-road three mile chases, with the Grand National as his ultimate objective," said Jenny Pitman, who has now saddled the gelding to win three times over three miles at Leicester.

Smith's Man has proved he can jump the National fences, as he won the Whitbread Handicap Trophy - the old Topham Trophy - in the 1984-85 season.

High Plains, who scored twice on the Flat over two miles in 1985, has taken well to jumping and opened his account at the second time of asking over timber when Richard Dunwoody partnered him to a comfortable win in the Mistletoe Novices' Hurdle.

Dunwoody, who has had 38 winners this season, did not jump the 3-1 chance to the front until the last flight, but on the run-in High Plains drew five lengths clear of Broadleaf and the favourite, Federal Trooper.

"I hope I can find two or three small races for him before going to Cheltenham for the two and a half miles Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle," his Stow-on-the-Wold trainer David Nicholson said.

There were plenty of casualties in both divisions of the Christmas Tree Novices' Chase and one of the fallers in the first division, Camella's Choice, had to be chased down the A6 before he was caught entering the city centre.

Proud Pilgrim, the comfortable four-length winner of that division, was bred by Lady Blacker, who races the chestnut in partnership with Lady Darling and the victory was a welcome change of fortune for his Banbury trainer John Webber, who has had an exasperating season and only three winners.

The other division went to The Hacienderos, reappearing after a year's absence, having recovered from by sore shins.

Friendly Beel, who only 24 hours earlier had a corn removed from his foot, produced a fine turn of speed from the last flight to catch Vulgaris nearing home and give Shaun Harris his first riding success in the Christmas Conditional Jockeys's Selling Hurdle.

Smart Alkepa aims for Sun Alliance

Alkepa booked his place in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham when slamming Granville Park by a runaway 15 lengths in the Gattonside Novices' Chase at Kelso yesterday.

His Middleham trainer George Moore said: "Alkepa is a really nice horse and I expect him to score another two or three wins before going to Cheltenham."

Alnwick-based Mrs Joan Pringle, took out a permit three weeks ago after her husband Neil died and she had a marvellous start when her first runner, Playing, a 16-1 chance, won the EBF Woodside Stud Novices' Hurdle from Pauper Moon.

Virus threat to racing in South Africa

(Reuter) - A mystery virus has infected racehorses in South Africa, threatening to bring the sport to a halt for several weeks.

Racing was suspended at most South African tracks over the weekend and it is now uncertain whether meetings will go ahead over the Christmas holiday.

The unidentified virus was first detected at a racecourse near Cape Town on Friday and is thought to be a strain of the equine flu virus which has appeared in Britain and the United States.

It has already affected most stables in Transvaal Province and owners were ordered not to move horses in an attempt to check its spread.

Results from two meetings

Leicester

Going: hurdles, soft; chase, good to soft

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, FRIENDLY BEE (S Harris, 4-1); 2, Vulgaris (M Bowlby, 16-1); 3, Saucy Sprite (S Scott, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Nabeeh (4th), 9-2 Brokers Choice (6th), 5 Boulevard Roy (5th), 7 Brave Saint, 9 Theresa, 20 Secret Sioux (pu), 33 Straight Sets (f), Sussex Overseas. 11 ran. NR: Poco Loco. ¾l, 1½l, 3l, 1l, 4l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £4.00; £1.10, £7.50, £1.10. DF: £15.90. CSF: £68.03. Sold C Hague 1,500 gns.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, HIGH PLAINS (R Dunwoody, 3-1); 2, Broadleaf (R Chapman, 12-1); 3, Federal Trooper (M Pitman, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Nikoola Eve (4th), 14 Nice Business, Seven Swallows, Very Special (5th), 16 Patchburg, Grand Celebration, 20 Bee Gardens (6th), Tomannerosa, 22 Corncharm, Etsetsel, Maundy Boy, Xylophone, 50 Avon Vale, Expensive Gesture, Faldros, Ice Rink (pu), Prince Georgetown, Swift Shark (pu), Miss Topem. 22 ran. NR: Greed, Risbygate, Venturi. 5l, ¾l, 5l, sh hd, 7l. D Nicholson at Stow-On-The-Wold. Tote: £3.70; £1.20 £4.30 £1.10. DF: £36.00. CSF: £43.17.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, SMITH'S MAN (M Perrett, 8-1); 2, Tracys Special (Steve Knight, 3-1); 3, Mayanncor (R Crank, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Indamelody (f), 5 Meister (5th), 8 Insure (4th). 6 ran. ¾l, 15l, 4l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.20; £2.40, £3.20. DF: £20.60. CSF: £31.11.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, PROUD PILGRIM (G Mernagh, 5-2); 2, Wicked Uncle (P Scudamore, 4-1); 3, Bronski (S Sherwood, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Valley So Deep (ur), 10 Asmid (5th), 12 Salehurst (4th), 16 Camella's Choice (f), Hill O'Ponds (f), 20 Verona Magic (f), 25 King Hustler (pu), 33 Night Attack, 50 Game Lancer (pu), Himalaya (6th). 13 ran. 4l, 4l, 8l, dist, 8l. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £6.50. CSF: £14.43.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, THE HACIENDEROS (D Murphy, 6-1); 2, Ned Lawless (C Llewellyn, 33-1); 3, Bright Sheriff (M Brennan, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Charlie's Cottage (ur), 100-30 Marylebone (f), 4 Bowden (ur), 16 Sudbrooke Park (f), 20 Red Nick (6th), Rowley Longe (pu), 25 Daddy's Special (5th), 50 Boreen King (4th), Cooloughter (f). 12 ran. NR: Rachel's Delight. 5l, 8l, 1l, dist, 2½l. B Curley at Newmarket. Tote: £7.80; £2.10, £19.60, £2.10. DF: £4.50 (winner or second with any other horse). CSF: £162.68.

3.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, MANDAVI (M Bowlby, 9-4 fav); 2, Prefalas (M Richards, 8-1); 3, Shipwright (R Chapman, 16-1); 4, Shenton Way (S Sherwood, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Mary Kate O'Brien (pu), 10 Swinhoe Croft (5th), 12 End Of The Road, 14 Mariners Dream, Generalise, 16 Timber Tool, 20 Bruneval (pu), Staffordshire Knot (f), Windsor Bond, 25 Astral Lady (pu), Blackwell Boy (6th), 33 All Flash, American Girl, Seven's Specs, Last Trail, Qualitair Princess (pu), Kalooki Bert, Lovelek (pu), King Of Stress. 23 ran. 5l, 1l, 2l, 2l, 12l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.80, £5.20, £2.50. DF: £17.30. CSF: £23.81. Tricast: £242.70.

Placepot: £40.85.

Kelso

Going: soft

12.15 (2m hdle) 1, BRAS CREEK (E Turner, 20-1); 2, Dark Trix (G Landau, 6-1); 3, Tot (C Dennis, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Absonant (pu), 5 Polish Knight (f), 11-2 Special Settlement (5th), 8 Super Solo (4th), 9 Grundy Lane (6th), 20 Tarchin (pu), Gemaro. 10 ran. NR: Lyrical Palm. 4l, 5l, 6l, ¾l, ¾l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £19.20; £2.70, £2.30, £7.00. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £4.00. CSF: £130.09. Tricast: £2214.29.

12.45 (2m 6f ch) 1, ALKEPA (M Hammond, 4-5 fav); 2, Granville Park (G Bradley, 5-1); 2, Polar Nomad (R Lamb, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Impage (4th), Tommy Ge, 16 Paraglo (5th), 20 Candy Cone (f), 66 Convict Boy (f), Ferrous (pu), Jay Double You, (ur), Laurence Parsons (pu), Lumber Quay (6th), Lady Mistletoe (pu). 13 ran. 15l, 12l, 3l, 8l, 15l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £2.20; £2.00, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £5.60.

1.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, PLAYING (M Hammond, 16-1); 2, Pauper Moon (R Lamb, 13-2); 3, Of That Ilk (C Dennis, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ruibadark, 4 Warchant (5th), Molly Carew (6th), 13-2 Cobby Castle, 16 March Fly, 25 Mandrabella (pu), 33 Ten A Penny (pu), Lubiana (4th), 50 Panto Girl (pu), 66 Gold Profit, Political Prospect, Rebronba (pu), Tyneside (pu), Whitegates Lady. 17 ran. 1¾l, ¾l, 2l, 1l, 8l. Mrs J Pringle at Alnwick. Tote: £33.00; £4.80, £1.60, £4.70. DF: £71.60. CSF: £109.76. After stewards' inquiry the result stood.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, DURHAM EDITION (R Lamb, 4-1); 2, Silent Valley (B Storey, 10-11 fav); 3, Richdee (C Hawkins, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Clonroche Stream (pu), 10 Pounentes (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, 10l, 10l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, 1.50. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.85.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, LAST GRAIN (M Dwyer, 11-10 fav); 2, Bobby Burns (G Bradley, 5-1); 3, Pendley Gold (M Hammond, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bella Banus (4th), 8 Tactico (5th), 10 The Fixer, 14 King Harry, 16 Treyarnon, 25 Paddy Hayton (6th), 33 Capricorn Saint, Made For Life, Rainbeam, 50 Captain Monty (f), Copy Writer, Melrosian, Mo-Ness, Rugged Baron, Saga Hawk, Tiddlyeyetye. 19 ran. NR: Old King Cole. 5l, 15l, 2½l, 8l, 1¾l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.80, £13.00. DF: £4.10. CSF: £8.68.

2.45 (2m 196yd ch) 1, ADEN APOLLO (D Nolan, 12-1); 2, Poloid (B Storey, 12-1); 3, Adare (C Kellett, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Gowan House (ro), 9-4 The Howlet (f), 8 Royal Rader (ur). 6 ran. NR: Polars Smartie. 25l, dist. T Craig at Dunbar. Tote: £15.60; £6.80, £4.10. DF: £50.90. CSF: £105.61. Placepot: not won.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bolton may host the Trophy final

By Keith Macklin

If the holders Wigan win their John Player Special Trophy semi-final round match against Hull at Headingley on Saturday, the final will bring into action yet another football stadium. Burnden Park, Bolton, is the likely venue for a match between Wigan and the winners of the other semi-final, a local derby between Warrington and Widnes.

The Rugby League has had its best crowds for major events at football grounds like Old Trafford, Elland Road and some years ago at Boothferry Park, and if Wigan were to reach the final again their own Central Park ground would be automatically ruled out. It would be pointless taking a Lancashire final over the Pennines to Leeds, and with Manchester United's FA Cup tie with Manchester City preventing the use of Old Trafford, Burnden Park looks to be the likeliest site.

All this, however, is meaningless conjecture if Hull surprise the holders in Saturday's first semi-final. Although Hull's poor form this season makes them the underdogs, they have shown a revival of late under the leadership of Lee Crooks, and will be much better opposition for Wigan than in the league game at Central Park when they were thrashed.

The other semi-final resulting from yesterday's draw brings together two fierce rivals. There will be absolutely nothing in it between the premiership holders, Warrington, and the prolific John Player finalists, Widnes. This second semi-final will be played on December 27 at Central Park, and as a result the championship game between Warrington and Widnes scheduled for Boxing Day is postponed.

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RUGBY UNION

S Africans ignore Welsh ban

A South African school team have defied a Welsh Rugby Union ban (WRU), and completed a brief, secretive tour of Wales.

A party from the Michaelhouse public school, from Natal, are reported to have played three games against under-19 teams in the past fortnight, and are set to complete their tour with another secret match today.

Although the Welsh Youth Rugby Union (WYRU) were in favour of welcoming the tourists, the WRU's general committee decided by an 'overwhelming majority' not to sanction the visit at a meeting on December 4, and it was thought that the matter would end there.

By that time, the tour had already opened with a game at Pontardulais, but the identity of the opposition and venues of the matches since then have been kept secret.

Morris Davies, the WYRU secretary, said that if any club side had played against Michaelhouse in defiance of the WRU ruling they would be in "hot water", but action could only be taken on receipt of a written complaint. "We would have to have positive proof," he said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Burnley v Bolton
Carlisle v Bury
Gillingham v Northampton
Rochdale v York
Southend v Cambridge United (7.45)
Walsall v Torquay
Wolverhampton v Bournemouth
Wigan v Wrexham (7.45)

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Berwick v St Johnstone.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated): First division: Leeds v Sunderland; Liverpool v Oldham; Manchester City v Derby (6.45); Middlesbrough v Manchester United. Second division: Blackpool v Huddersfield; Bradford v Scunthorpe; Grimsby v Darlington; Notts County v West Bromwich Albion; Rotherham v Doncaster; Wigan v Preston.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Fulham; Crystal Palace v Charlton; Queen's Park Rangers v Oxford United (2.0).

FA VASE: Third round: Havant v Dorking. Third round replay: Corinthian v Crockenhill.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round replay: Altrincham v Witton.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Dorchester v Trowbridge; Merthyr v Gloucester. Southern division: Dover v Sheppey.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Chalfont St Peter v Wolverton; Wokingham v Chesham.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Wembley v Finchley.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood v Lewes (7.45); Kingsbury v Bracknell. Second division North: Aveley v Rainham; Heybridge Swifts v Hornchurch. Second division South: Flackwell Heath v Ruislip Manor; Woking v Camberley.

AC DELCO CUP: Third round: Farnborough v Walton and Hersham; Hampton v Chertsey; Tring v Barking; Leytonstone/Ilford v Hendon (at Barking); Slough v Basildon; Windsor and Eton v Maidenhead United; Wycombe v Yeovil.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Harlow v Saffron Walden.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Enfield v Barnet.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Nottingham v RAF.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Middlesex championships (at Stamford Hill).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg national division: Homespare Bolton and Bury v Reg Vardy Sunderland (8.0).

BOXING: Alfreton Leisure Centre (8.0).

RACKETS: Public schools championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

TENNIS: Royal Bank junior winter indoor series: Boys: (at Bisham Abbey).

SQUASH RACKETS: American Express premier league (6.30): Home Ales Nottingham v Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill; Halls West Country v Arrow Village; Manchester Northern v InterCity Camrons; Chapel Allerton v Viscos Monroe; Central Sk〇l Oadby v Ardleigh Hall.

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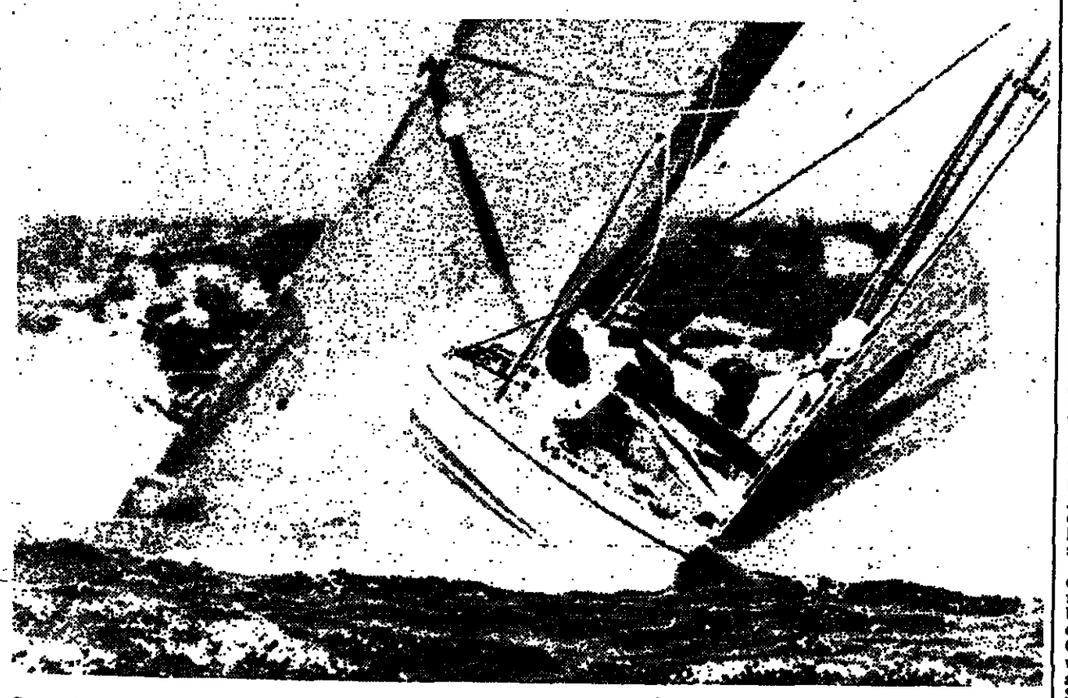
YACHTING: SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR THE FRENCH LEAVES AMERICANS TO MEET IN THE SEMI-FINALS

Kiss of luck for New Zealand

From Keith Wheatley
Fremantle

New Zealand continued their magnificent winning streak when they defeated USA in the final race of the elimination trials yesterday. In the semi-finals, New Zealand will race French Kiss and USA will face Stars and Stripes.

There was probably a touch of relief in the New Zealand camp when French Kiss surprisingly lost by 1min 55sec to Italia. Had that not happened, the French would have come third and USA, improving every day, fourth. Consequently, the American boat would have faced New Zealand in the semi-finals.



Britain's White Crusader looked out of sorts from the outset against Stars and Stripes and Dennis Conner had little trouble beating the British boat – even though, because of an editing error, we had written him off yesterday as head of the defeated New York Yacht Club syndicate. In fact, Conner is very much still in the series as skipper of the Stars and Stripes entry from San Diego, as he showed against White Crusader.

In informal trialling, the two boats have been close in performance but in yesterday's race, White Crusader lost nearly a minute on every beat. The start, in a 20-knot breeze which should have been perfect for Britain and a shade light for Conner, was nearly an even split. Stars and Stripes had the gun by a second – and also the favoured weather berth.

At the top mark, after a beat into high seas for the comparatively quiet sea breeze, the San Diego boat was 49 seconds ahead. Only on the reaches and runs did White Crusader hold her own. If she has suddenly developed good downwind performance, it has come too late.

There seemed to be no clear reason for the defeat, especially not by such a margin. Post-regatta depression or a 'dose of the slows' would probably be the diagnosis of the Fremantle Doctor.

USA lost the start to an aggressive Chris Dickson by just one second. The wind was a steady 22 knots from the South South-West under blue skies – perfect sailing conditions. USA seemed to have equivalent boatspeed to the 'plastic fantastic' but once the New Zealanders edge in front, they are not in the habit of letting people past.

Up and down the first six legs the margin ranged between 11 and 15 seconds. Blackaller tried every trick to get past but Dickson was having none of it. As the breeze freshened to 25 knots in the final hour, KZ7 seemed to come into her own and the final margin was just under a minute.

French Kiss seemed to have niggling gear problems throughout her race and sailed the final beat with her mainsail half down, like a schoolboy with his socks around his ankles. Italia is undoubtedly the best-campaigned of the 'second division' yachts and her crew did a superb job in winning the start and holding off French Kiss in a tight battle up seven legs.

The margin was seldom above 20 seconds until the final beat where French Kiss was gravely wounded and the gap opened to two minutes.

America II presented a sombre sight, sailing the course alone because of her unfortunately drawn match with the absentee, Challenge France. In New York, telephone lines to the America's Cup information centre were quickly jammed.

It was 4 a.m. when news of America II's elimination from the competition came through. By mid-morning, there had been over 2,000 calls and, by lunchtime, 7,000 visitors had been through the centre, on the harbour in Lower Manhattan.

Now Fremantle is bracing itself for a week of vigorous party-going.

Challenger series

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Italia bt French Kiss, 1min 55sec; America II bt Challenge France, scr; Stars and Stripes bt White Crusader, 4:12; Eagle bt Azzurra, ret.

Standings
(after final race of third round)

	Won	Lost	Pts
New Zealand	33	1	198
Stars and Stripes	27	7	154
USA	23	11	139
French Kiss	20	14	129
America II	26	8	128
White Crusader	21	13	115
Italia	17	17	99
Heart of America	11	23	85
Canada II	15	19	79
Eagle	10	24	48
Azzurra	4	30	23
Challenge France withdrawn.			

(First round robin: 1 point; second round robin: 5 points; third round robin: 12 points. Best four of 12 entries from six countries go through to semi-finals, December 28 to January 7. Best two compete in best-of-seven challenger finals, January 13 to 23. America's Cup challenge best-of-seven races from January 31.)

Americans fail to close technology gap

By Barry Pickthall

The removal of three of the United States challengers from the America's Cup before the semi-finals, including the early favourite, John Kolius and his America II group representing the New York Yacht Club, underlines just how much the latest tank-testing methods and computer-aided research has undermined the free hand designers once had to draw exactly what pleased them.

Computers played an essential part in the design of Alan Bond's winged-keeled Cup winner Australia II, assessing performance to within a percentage point of reality at a twentieth of the cost of tank-testing a one-third scale model.

The Americans found themselves locked out from this 10-year technological lead, gained by the Netherlands' Ship Model Basin where the lines of Australia II were developed, by their own formulated rules. Changes to the deed of gift governing the Cup, drawn up by the New York Yacht Club several years ago to stop foreign challengers from tapping into American know-how, stipulate that challengers can use foreign test tanks, only if their own country has no facilities of its own.

That ruling came back to roost when Australia finally won the Cup, for in reality, the Americans, British and French had just two years to jump the technological gulf while the Australian, New Zealand and Italian syndicates had free access to Dutch facilities.

American technology was taken for granted. "If we can send a man to the moon, we can certainly catch up on the Dutch," was the response from one syndicate head.

He might have been right if Capitol Hill had treated the Cup's recapture with the same vigour it is giving to President Reagan's 'Star Wars' defence initiative. They might also have closed the gap if all the American syndicates had pooled their resources for research. But instead they went in five different directions and mostly lost their way amid reams of print-out paper.

Bill Langon, chief designer at Sparkman and Stephens, the famous design firm responsible for the New York Yacht Club's Defender admitted as much to me 18 months ago when he said: "Dutch tank-testing technology has certainly left us with some catching up to do and in the search for something new. It is all too easy to become overwhelmed with data."

The Americans called on some of the most impressive brains in the country, from NASA and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, investing more than $10 million into raw research. In the end, however, the only innovation this produced was Tom Blackaller's twin-ruddered USA, which now meets Dennis Conner's conventionally designed Stars and Stripes for a place in the final trials.

John Kolius: Semi-final absentee

The French, who have never done well in America's Cup competition turned to their own aerospace industry and trusted in computer technology alone to finalise the innovative lines of French Kiss, which now meets the all-conquering New Zealand IV in the semi-finals.

For their part the New Zealanders, who began their research in Holland are banking on glass reinforced plastic construction to take them through to the finals against Australia.

This controversial construction method is said to have produced a 20% advantage in longitudinal stiffness over alloy built boats. But Dr Peter Van Oossanen, head of research at the Ship Model Basin is not convinced that the glass-fibre element is the sole reason for the "Plastic Fantastic's" unstoppable run of wins.

SKIING

Gaspoz's victory encourages Swiss

La Villa, Italy (Reuter) – Joel Gaspoz restored some pride to the Swiss men's team yesterday by recording their first win in a technical event in this season's Alpine ski World Cup. Gaspoz produced two good runs to win the third giant slalom of the season with something to spare in a total time of 2min 46.34sec.

Richard Pramotton, of Italy, winner of the previous two giant slaloms, finished second 1.37sec behind. He kept the World Cup lead in the discipline and moved up to equal second in the overall cup standings, closing on the leader, Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland.

The super-giant slalom cup holder, Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, was third – his best giant slalom result since last January – with the second fastest time on the first of the two legs. It moved him up to equal second overall with the Italian.

Pramotton's second place came on another good day for the Italians who have had the best start to the giant slalom event since 1974 when Piero Gros won the opening three races. The team, who occupied all three podium places on Sunday, had three other men among the points scorers yesterday.

Gaspoz, who won the giant slalom title last year by one point from Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, said: "I needed this win to preserve my chances of the crown. The five best results count for the cup and we still have five more races."

The overall World Cup champion, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, who has continued to race despite a dislocated shoulder, failed to appear for the second run after being 2.74 seconds slower than the leader, Gaspoz, in the opening leg.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, J Gaspoz (Switz) 2min 48.34sec (1:25.95/ 1:20.39); 2, R Pramotton (It) 2:47.71 (1:26.65/1:21.06) 3, M Wasmaier (WG) 2:47.88 (1:26.33/1:21.55)4, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 2:48.05 (1:27.58/1:20.47); 5, H Stroiz (Austria) 2:48.11 (1:26.40/1:21.71); 6, A Wenzel (Liech) 2:48.12 (1:26.74/1:21.38); 7, I Stenmark (Swe) 2:48.14 (1:27.08/1:21.06); 8, M Eder (WG) 2:48.18 (1:26.81/1:21.58); 9, R Nierlich (Austria) 2:48.24 (1:28.06/1:20.18); 10, O Tomasch (It) 2:48.25 (1:26.80/1:21.45).11, G Mader (Austria) 2:48.41 (1:27.05/1:21.36); 12, R Erlacher (It) 2:48.49 (1:27.42/1:21.07); 13, A Tomba (It) 2:49.10 (1:28.30/1:20.80); 14, H Mayer (Austria) 2:49.18 (1:27.87/1:21.31); 15, Y Tavernier (Fr) 2:50.28 (1:28.23/1:22.05).

OVERALL STANDINGS (after nine races): 1, Zurbriggen, 97 pts; 2, Wasmeier and Pramotton, 93; 4, P Müller (Switz), 82; 5, F Heinzer (Switz), 51; 6, Gaspoz, 48; 7, Stenmark, 46; 8, Stock, 43; 9, R Erlacher (It), 42; 10, Stroiz, 39.

● Martin Bell's disappointing performance on Sunday in the World Cup downhill at Val Gardena – he finished 22nd when he had been expected to come in the top 10 – was not considered a major setback by Britain's Alpine team manager, Alasdair Scobie.

Bell had the misfortune to fall on heavy ice during Friday's training, pulling a muscle and breaking his fast set of black-wax based race skis. He had to resort to an inferior set of skis which were not black-wax based, which affected both his confidence and speed. Despite a clear run and no mistakes, he was 1.92sec slower than the winner, Bob Boyd, of Canada, a time gap that cost him 21 places.

Scobie said he was confident Bell would show his true form at the FIS downhill races which take place at Val Gardena tomorrow and on Thursday. Last year, Bell won both races. He confirmed that Bell would have black-wax skis for his next race.

BOBSLEIGH

E German sledge banned by governing body

By Chris Moore

Stand up and take a bow the Federation of International Bobsleighing and Tobogganing (FIBT). Their decision to ban East Germany's controversial new two-man sledges from future international competition, including next month's world championships in St Moritz, must go down as one of the boldest and most welcome acts of sporting officialdom of 1986.

They were involved in the most difficult situation they have ever had to deal with. But they have managed to find a solution to the problem.

The relevant point of issue surrounding the verdict of the presidium of the FIBT to ban the East German bobs, was not based on the fact that they were found to be outside the written rules of the sport as much as for not being within the spirit of them.

As had been the case with Formula One motor racing, the FIBT recognised a few years ago the danger of the sport becoming dominated by the fastest sledges rather than the best drivers and crews.

To counteract that they decided after the last Olympics to standardise the future construction of sledges as much as possible. In essence, they ruled that the basic chassis should be the same on all bobs, and that, at the time, effectively outlawed the East German's unique hydraulic suspension systems.

Even so the East Germans have still had the best equipment and in world and Olympic champion, Wolfgang Hoppe, undisputably the best driver.

That, however, was not enough. Their unquenchable thirst for success prompted yet another new bob this season, which, from the moment it was unveiled with no conventional rear axle, was certain to rile their rivals.

Eight nations, including Great Britain, signed an official protest to the jury in Winterberg which at the time was overruled. But although the sleds have now been banned, the East Germans will not be deprived of their first and third places in the opening World Cup two-man race at Winterberg.

"The jury there accepted the bobs and according to the rules their decision is final," explained the FIBT's secretary-general, Ermanno Gardella, in Milan yesterday. "They can keep their World Cup points but cannot use the same bobs again in any FIBT competition."

He added: "Our technical committee accept that the sleds were built in accordance with the regulations as they are written. But they do not conform to the spirit of the rules. The East Germans know what was agreed after the last Olympics and I cannot understand why they changed."

Meanwhile, in the British two-man championships in West Germany, two members of the Richmond "heavies" Rugby club, Bertie Brooks and Philip Reid, were involved in one of the worst crashes ever seen at Königssee.

They were in one of eight sleds to overturn on the opening day of practice and were both knocked unconscious, with 39-year-old Reid also suffering a broken collarbone.

One eye witness said their bob flew 10 metres through the air before smashing into the next bend.

TABLE TENNIS

England omit Grundy

By a Correspondent

The English women's champion, Joy Grundy, has been omitted from England's squad for the 1987 world championships in Delhi, from February 19 to March 1, 1987.

Miss Grundy, whose early season performances have been restricted by injury, won the Stiga Middlesex Three Star title on Sunday but failed to win the selectors' vote. "We had to support Alison Gordon, who has scooped two major titles already this season and finished second in the Stiga National Top Twelve," Paul Day, the chairman of the English selectors, said.

The men's squad contains only one surprise in John Souter, aged 22. In a repeat of his 11th-hour antics which won him a place in the European championship team in March, Souter beat Carl Prean at Picketts Lock in the Middlesex event to gain selection.

"This is the strongest mens line-up we have sent to the world championships for over five years. I am confident that medals are within our sights," Day said. England finished tenth in the 1985 championships in Gothenburg.

MEN: D Douglas (Warwickshire), A Cooke (Derbyshire) C Prean (Isle of Wight), S Andrew (Essex), J Souter (Middlesex). WOMEN: L Bellinger (Bedfordshire), A Gordon (Berkshire), F Elliot (Staffordshire).

Grubba to face tie with Jiang

Tokyo (AP) – World champion Jiang Jialiang of China advanced Monday to the quarter-finals of the second Euro-Asia tournament, but Jörgen Persson, the second-seeded Swede, was eliminated.

Jiang, the 21-year-old No. 1 seed, used short, speedy shots to beat Tibor Kampar of Hungary 21-14, 21-14, 21-19.

In today's quarter-finals, Jiang meets the defending champion, Andrzej Grubba, of Poland, who beat the South Korean, Ahn Jae-hyung, 21-13, 15-21, 21-15, 21-13 in the second round.

Yang Jianhua, of China, beat Persson, who is ranked first in Europe, and meets Yoshihito Miyazaki of Japan in the quarter-finals. Two Swedes – Erik Lindh and Ove Waldner – and the Chinese pair of Chen Longcan and Teng Yi complete the line-up.

In women's competition, top-seeded Jiao Zhimin of China advanced to the quarter-finals by beating Kimiko Ishida of Japan 21-16, 21-5, 21-7, and meets Marie Hrachova of Czechoslovakia today.

Other quarter-finalists include the second seed, China's Dai Lili, Mika Hoshino, of Japan, Li Bun Hui of North Korea, Brigitte Thirlet of France, Li Huifeng of China and Hyun Jung-hwa of South Korea, who beat England's Lisa Bellinger 21-12, 21-9, 21-13.

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TENNIS

Australia move indoors

Melbourne (Reuter) – Australia's preparations for the Davis Cup final against Sweden, the holders, later this month are being hampered by heavy rain.

Storms have forced the non-playing captain, Neale Fraser, and his squad to practice indoors for the past three days. With only a five-hour workout on the grass courts of Kooyong here, venue for the December 26-28 final, Fraser said his team were "a bit scratchy, but they'll get better. Three days indoors and then out playing on a fast grass court is not ideal preparation."

The four-strong Australian team will be named tomorrow. The Swedish squad, led by Stefan Odberg, theAustralian Open champion, arrive on Thursday.

RACKETS

No shortage of challengers

By William Stephens

Another chapter closed in the saga of encounters between John Prenn and William Boone when Prenn regained the World Championship from his formidable adversary last weekend – albeit by a fractional margin.

Calculations of Byzantine intricacy would have been necessary at Queen's Club had the final score in games over the two legs been equal, for points would have been the decider. Eventually, after over five and a half hours of play in New York and London, Prenn won by 8-6 in games but only 12 points separated the contenders.

The epic contests over the last 10 years, on both sides of the Atlantic, between these two pre-eminent players have done much to enrich the game by raising the level of competition and increasing the popularity of the sport. Parts of the match on Saturday were shown on national television – for the first time.

Prenn won the world championship first in 1981 from William Surtees. He lost it to Boone in 1984. Prenn is a natural athlete with feline grace. Boone defies all the tenets of a solid-ball game, shunning the disciplines of footwork and timing – frequently playing the ball leaning back, with legs splayed and chest-on to the front wall. But he is a phenomenal competitor, fiercely ambitious and immensely strong – a terrific fighter, particularly when in a corner.

While Boone's greatest contribution to the game has been on court, the rackets fraternity owe Prenn a particular debt for the work that he has performed over the last eight years in administering the sponsorship of the sport by Celestion Loudspeakers. The chairman of the company is Prenn's father, Daniel – himself a notable sportsman.

Playing for Germany in the 1932 Davis Cup against England, he defeated both Bunny Austin and Fred Perry. The Prenn family's vital contribution to rackets is to be reinforced from January 1, with Rank Xerox participating as joint sponsors.

Now consideration turns to the future. James Male lodged a challenge for the world championship when he beat both Prenn and Boone on consecutive days last December to win the amateur singles championship. His challenge will be considered at the close of this season when the results of the amateur singles next January, and the open singles next March, will be analysed.

Both Prenn, aged 33, and Boone, 36, after the meticulous preparation necessary to achieve the highest level of fitness, say that it cannot go to waste. They will be vying with each other, and fending off other contenders. These include two outstanding professionals, Shannon Hazell at Clifton College and Neil Smith at Queen's. There is also a 19-year-old amateur, Rupert Owen-Browne, who possesses an imperious backhand which many say is the best since that of Surtees.

So the situation at the highest level of rackets over the next few years is still wide open and likely to be full of interest and speculation.

REAL TENNIS

Johnson's first title

David Johnson, of Queen's Club, won the first title in his long career as a real tennis professional when, with Chris Ronaldson, the world champion, he secured the Cos d'Estournel French Open Doubles championship by beating Wayne Davies and Peter de Svastich 6-5, 6-2 at Bordeaux.

Johnson was one of two Britons to surpass himself. Julian Snow, the United Kingdom's second ranked amateur, eliminated from the singles two professionals, Colin Lumley and Jonathan Howell, who are ranked fifth and sixth in the world respectively. He eventually fell to Davies, the holder,

HOCKEY

England's proviso on Dublin

By Sydney Friskin

England have agreed to take part in the Home Countries Championship in Dublin next year provided the dates are convenient and have suggested July 17-19 as the most acceptable. England are also planning a visit to Belgium early in August to play two international matches before the start of the European Championship in Moscow on August 20.

Southgate will begin the defence of the Hockey Association Cup with a first round home match against Lewes on February 1 next year. The draw for the southern section of the competition brings some of the leading London League clubs into contention, Slough meeting Bromley, Spencer opposing Guildford, and Blackheath taking on Teddington. Familiar rivalry also occurs in the western section where Isca are drawn to meet Exeter University and Firebrands play West Gloucestershire.

First round draw

SOUTH: East Grinstead v South Saxons; Old Wakcountians v Oxford Hawks; Old Williamsonians v Witney; Purley v Ashford; NatWest Bank v Windsor; Tunbridge Wells v Enfield; Richmond v Farnham; Indian Gymkhana v Reading; Southgate v Lewes; RAOC (46) v Old Kingstonians; Weybridge Hawks v Havant; Maidenhead v Portsmouth & Southsea; Hounslow v Trojans; Lyons v Marlow; Slough v Bromley; Chichester v Surbiton; Tulse Hill v Petersfield; BICC v Gore Court; Aylesbury v Old Medwhighthians; Spencer v Guildford; Blackheath v Teddington; Bicester v Old Tauntonians; Merton v Beckenham.

EAST: Harleston Magpies v West Herts; Old Loughtonians v Bedfordshire Eagles; Cambridge City v Bedford; RAF Sport Command v Cambridge Nomads; Bishop's Stortford v Bury St Edmunds; Felixstowe v Ford; Long Sutton v Westcliff; Chelmsford v St Albans; Pelicans v Ipswich; Grimsby v Wisbech; Broxbourne v Norfolk Wanderers.

NORTH: St Georges v Whitehaven; Warrington v Sunderland; Neston v Liverpool Sefton; Southport v Ramghana; Alderley Edge v Vikings; Darlington v Brooklands; Bowdon v Doncaster; Preston v Prescot; Sheffield University v Newcastle university; Farsley v Hightown; Walton v Norton; Wakefield v Bradford.

MIDLANDS: West Bridgford v Reddich; Pickwick v South Notts; Shrewsbury v Stone; Derby v Leicester Westleigh; Olton & North Warwickshire v Sikh Union; Edgbaston v Northampton Saints; Gymnit v Barford Tigers; Khalsa (Coventry) v Harborne; Belper v Cannock; Streetley v Stourport.

WEST: West Wiltshire v Guernsey; Leominster v Brean; Cheltenham v Marlborough; Truro v Westbury Banks; Firebrands v West Gloucestershire; Naval Air Command v Jersey; Exeter Cricketers v Taunton Vale; Isca v Exeter University.

FOOTBALL

Benfica upended by Sporting

By Simon O'Hagan

If local derbies are supposed to be tense, closely-fought affairs, then nobody bothered to tell Benfica and Sporting Lisbon on Sunday. Their match ended in a 7-1 win for Sporting, an extraordinary result against a team who were leading the table and had been unbeaten in the league this season.

Two Englishmen were at the centre of events: John Mortimore, the Benfica manager who said his team "just lost control", and Rafael Meade, the former Arsenal forward who scored one of Sporting's goals. The most outstanding performance, however, came from Fernandes, who scored four.

In another remarkable match Porto all but upstaged Sporting with an 8-3 win over lowly Farense which took them to the top of the league. This was another one-man show, Gomes, one of Europe's most prolific forwards, scoring five.

Porto could soon boast one of the most glamorous forward lines in Europe, if their reported attempt to buy the Brazilian Casagrande proves successful. Casagrande, who is aged 23 and plays for the Sao Paulo club Corinthians, was in the Brazil team at the World Cup this year, although he was dropped halfway through the campaign after failing to live up to his promise.

Over the Spanish border it was back to a more familiar world of negativity as Barcelona were held to a 1-1 draw by Atlético Madrid and Real Madrid scuffed their way to a 1-0 win over Español, a performance which prompted their manager, Leo Beenhakker, to say: "We had to beat Español any way we could because at this stage I don't mind if we play ugly football."

Barcelona were trailing to a 42nd minute penalty by Marina – who thus ended Zubizarreta's Spanish record of going 762 minutes without conceding a goal – when their substitute, Caldere, equalised with 10 minutes to go. Santillana, the 34-year-old former international who was replacing the suspended Sanchez, scored Real's winning goal after 15 minutes.

Real thus moved to within two points of Barcelona at the top of the table, but the pressure is telling on them. Butragueno was given last week off to recover from exhaustion, but the chances he missed against Espanol suggested it was perhaps not the right remedy.

The gap at the top of the Italian league has also narrowed to two points, the leaders, Napoli, having been held 0-0 at AC Milan, while Juventus and Inter-Milan, their nearest challengers, both won 1-0.

Juventus's victory over their neighbours Torino came as something of a relief after some poor performances recently. Inter, meanwhile, are looking quite a force under Juventus's former manager, Giovanni Trapatonni. They have also been bolstered by the arrival from Fiorentina of Daniel Passarella, the former Argentinian international defender. It was against Fiorentina that Inter gained their win, their goal, appropriately enough, coming from Passarella.

The West German and Dutch leagues have both entered hibernation. Hamburg lead Bayern Munich on goal difference in West Germany, with Bayer Uerdingen two points behind in third. In The Netherlands there is almost as close a contest at the top, Ajax leading PSV Eindhoven by one point. There the competition seems to end. Feyenoord, in third place, are 11 points behind.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINE: Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Temperley 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 2, Union 1; Deportivo Espanol 2, Argentinos Juniors 1; Independiente 0, Rosario Central 0; Instituto (Cordoba) 2, Talleres (Cordoba) 3; Newell's Old Boys 1, Racing Club 2; Estudientes de la Plata 3, Platense 0; Racing (Cordoba) 2, Velez Sarsfield 2; Deportivo Italiano 0, Boca Juniors 0; River Plate v Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata postponed. Leading positions: 1, Newell's Old Boys, played 23, 29 points; 2, Independiente, 23, 26; 3, San Lorenzo de Almagro, 23, 26.

BELGIAN: FC Mechlin 2, RWD Molenbeek 0; Anderlecht 1, Beveren 1; Standard 1, Beerschot 2; Lokeren 2, FC Bruges 3; Racing Jet Brussels 1, Charleroi 2; Waregem 1, Kortrijk 0; Antwerp 3, Seraing 1; FC Liege 3, Bercham 0; SK Bruges 3, Ghent 0. Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht, played 15, 25 points; 2, FC Bruges, 15, 23; 3, FC Mechlin, 15, 22.

DUTCH: PEC Zwolle 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; PSV Eindhoven 3, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Haarlem 1, Fortuna Sittard 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, GA Eagles Deventer 1; Groningen 0, AZ '67 Alkmaar 0; Twente Enschede 0, Utrecht 1; Den Bosch 1, WW Venlo 1; Ajax 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; Vsendam 2, Den Haag 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV, played 19, 33 points; 2, Ajax, 18, 32; 3, Feyenoord, 19, 23.

EAST GERMAN: Energie Cottbus 2, Stahl Brandenburg 0; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Dynamo Berlin 2; Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1, Magdeburg 0; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 3, Fortschritt Bischofswerda 0; Dynamo Dresden 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Riesa 1, Lokomotiv Leipzig 3; Union Berlin 0, Wismut Aue 0. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin, played 13, 22 points; 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig, 13, 20; 3, Wismut Aue, 13, 16.

FRENCH: Nice 1, Nantes 1; Laval 2, Monaco 0; Auxerre 3, Lens 1; Brest 2, Nancy 0; RC Paris 1, Bordeaux 2; Lille 6, Sochaux 0; Toulon 2, Rennes 0; Metz 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0; St Etienne 1, Le Havre 1. Leading positions: 1, Marseille, played 21, 29 points; 2, Bordeaux, 21, 29; 3, Monaco, 21, 26.

GREEK: Kalamaria 0, AEK Athens 2; Yiannina 1, Ethnikos 1; Diagoras 2, Aris Salonika 3; Doxa 1, Panathinaikos 3; Larissa 0, Iraklis 1; Olympiakos 1, Verria 0; Panionios 5, Apollon 1; PAOK Salonika 2, OFI Iraklion 0. Leading positions: 1, Olympiakos, played 18, 16 points; 2, PAOK, 10, 15; 3, Panionios, 10, 13.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Roma 1; Avellino 3, Sampdoria 1; Brescia 3, Empoli 0; Fiorentina 0, Inter Milan 1; Juventus 1, Torino 0; AC Milan 0, Napoli 0; Udinese 1, Atalanta 0; Verona 1, Como 0. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 12, 18 points; 2, Juventus, 12, 16; 3, Internazionale, 12, 16.

LUXEMBOURG: Spora 4, Beggen 2; Perange 2, Niedercorn 2; Dudelange 0, Union Luxembourg 2; Wiltz 0, Hesperange 2; Red Boys 6, Grevenmacher 1; Jeunesse Esch 6, Etschen 0. Leading positions: 1, Jeunesse, played 14, 28 points; 2, Beggen, 14, 21; 3, Spora, 13, 18.

PORTUGUESE: Sporting 7, Benfica 1; Belenenses 1, Vitoria Guimaraes 1; FC Porto 6, Farense 3; Varzim 2, Maritimo 0; Boavista 4, Salgueiros 0; Braga 3, Elvas 1; Academica 2, Rio Ave 0; Portimonense 0, Chaves 0. Leading standings: 1, Porto, played 14, 23 points; 2, Benfica, 14, 23; 3, Guimares, 14, 22.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 1, Español 0; Real Valladolid 4, Real Murcia 0; Seville 3, Sporting Gijon 0; Sabadell 1, Real Zaragoza 0; Cadiz 1, Real Betis 1; Racing Santander 1, Osasuna Pamplona 1; Barcelona 1, Atlético Madrid 1; Athletic Bilbao 3, Las Palmas 0; Real Mallorca 1, Real Sociedad 0. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 17, 25 points; 2, Real Madrid, 17, 23; 3, Bilbao, 17, 21.

TURKISH: Besiktas 3, Malatiyaspor 0; Altay 1, Fenerbahce 1; Kocaelispor 0, Galatasaray 2; Zonguldaksapor 0, Samsunspor 2; Antalyaspor 2, Diyarbekirspor 0; Eskisehirspor 2, Trabzonspor 0; Rizespor 0, Genclerbirligi 0; Ankaragucu 2, Denizlispor 4; Sariyer 1, Bursaspor 0. Leading positions: 1, Samsunspor, played 16, 24 points; 2, Galatasaray, 16, 24; 3, Besiktas, 16, 22.

YUGOSLAV: Pristina 1, Spartak Subotica 0; Red Star Belgrade 4, Osijek 1; Sloboda Niksic 2, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Vardar Skopje 2, Dinamo Zagreb 0; Radnicki Nis 3, Rijeka 1; Hajduk Split 2, Celik Zenica 0; Velez Mostar 4, Sloboda Tuzla 3; Sarajevo 2, Buduonost Titograd 1; Dinamo Vinkovci 0, Partizan Belgrade 3. Leading positions: 1, Vardar, played 17, 20 points; 2, Partizan, 17, 19; 3, Velez, 17, 17.

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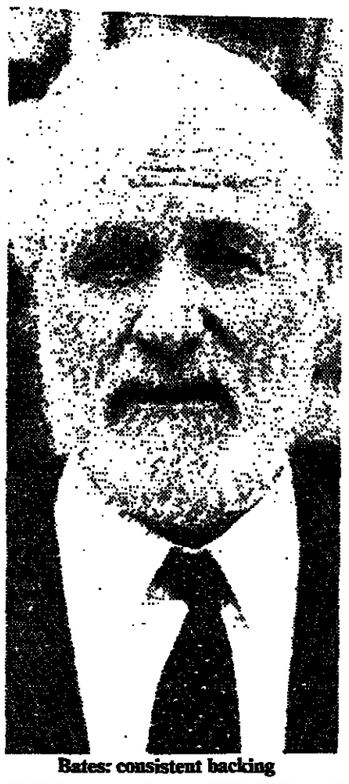

Bates: consistent backing

Assurance puts Hollins on trial

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Managers dread hearing that they have the full support of their chairmen. The next statement tends to include the official termination of their contract. Now John Hollins, who fills the subservient role at Chelsea, must wait to discover whether he is to be an exception to the general rule.

His employer, Ken Bates, consistently offered his backing during a weekend in which the team lost for the ninth time this season and sank to the bottom of the first division.

"It may be a hiccup," Bates conceded. "Let us hope that it does not develop into whooping cough.

"John has always been the golden boy of football. I wouldn't say he was a matinée idol but everything has always gone right for him. For the first time in his life, he is finding out who his friends are and having to re-assess his thoughts, attitudes and quite a number of things.

"That hasn't changed the basic character of the man, which is integrity, honesty and sincerity and a tremendous amount of ability. I'm in overall charge of the club but, although my role ends at the dressing-room door, our success ultimately lies at my door. That is where the buck stops.

"If you look at the least-successful clubs in the first division, or the ones who are in the same position as us, they have nearly all changed their manager this season. It doesn't seem to have done them much good." For the moment, the position of Hollins would seem to be assured.

He could do no worse than recall the fate of one of his contempories. He and Howard Kendall started their professional playing careers in the same year, 1963, and both were to return like prodigal sons to the clubs with whom they gained most recognition and won most honours.

Three years ago, Kendall was considered to be in a similarly perilous position at Goodison Park. Everton's match at Wolverhampton Wanderers on December 27 was to represent both the low and the turning point. They lost 3-0, coincidentally the same margin by which Chelsea were beaten by Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday.

It was Everton's 19th game and, by chance, Chelsea happen to have reached the same stage in this season's schedule. There, ominously for Hollins, the similarity ends and no more markedly than in the number of goals conceded. Everton (20) were almost twice as secure as Chelsea (37) are now.

Kendall had already built the defensive foundations of a side that was to go on the following year to claim the title. All he required was a spark to light up his attack. He found it, improbably, in Andy Gray, scarred and brittle but willing to carry any burden.

Kendall later admitted that the acquisition of Gray for some £200,000 had initially worried him. But the old warhorse, working in harness with the thoroughbreds, completed a line-up that was to lose only four of the remaining 23 fixtures and, five months later, to win the FA Cup.

To expect Chelsea to match their feats would be to indulge in the fanciful. Kendall had a collection of individuals who were on the edge of international recognition. Hollins has a bunch of players who not so long ago were on the verge of nothing more than disintegration.

Requests for transfers and reports of disputes and disagreements were the most prominent feature of their late autumn, and even now McLaughlin and Speedie would prefer to move. Although Hollins maintains that he has the unanimous support of his squad, their spirit faded visibly after a relatively promising opening at Anfield.

Injuries, if not the impending suspension of Rougvie, are threatening to disrupt still further the designs of Hollins. "There are 69 points still to play for", he said cheerfully on Sunday. The trouble is that, as from Saturday, 15 of them will be on offer within only a fortnight.

Even if he could select his strongest formation, and five of those are doubtful, he would be stretching his own natural optimism to forsee them gaining significant ground by January 3. Although three of their five games over the festive period are at Stamford Bridge, that is principally where their weakness lies.

Their home was their greatest strength last season when they eventually finished sixth. Their challenge for the title, which was realistic until the New Year, was built around a cohesive defence, an efficient midfield and the partnership between the prolific Dixon and their outstanding talent, the ill-disciplined Speedie.

The jig-saw fitted then but evidently does not now. Like Kendall in 1983, Hollins needs to introduce a catalyst, somebody who is capable of putting the pieces together on the pitch. Otherwise, Bates's fear could be realized and the current hiccup may well develop into whooping cough in 1987.

Hollins: needs a catalyst

FOOTBALL

Police bar Telford from staging tie with Leeds

Telford United's hopes of staging their FA Cup third round tie against Leeds United at their Buck's Head ground have been dashed by the local police. "They couldn't guarantee public order and, reluctantly, we have to go along with that," Michael Ferriday, the Telford secretary, said yesterday.

The GM-Vauxhall Conference club is now faced with the difficult task of finding an alternative, neutral, ground where club and police are prepared to cope with the notorious Leeds supporters. "It is the match nobody wants," Ferriday said, a view borne out by an FA spokesman who added: "It has become a very difficult match to arrange considering the problems with Leeds fans in the past."

Telford, however, are determined not to concede home advantage by switching the match to Elland Road. "That is the very, very, very last option," Ferriday said.

The non-League club made two attempts to persuade the Shropshire police and local fire authorities. They offered to make the game all-ticket, with no allocation to Leeds, a move they were confident the FA would support. They also examined the possibilities of beaming the game live, via closed circuit television, to Elland Road.

But Ferriday conceded: "The police were still of the opinion that Leeds supporters would still turn up at the ground and that they could not then guarantee public order. Reluctantly, we have to go along with that. Our ground is not a fortress. We have several clubs we could approach who would be only too willing to stage the game. But they, too, are governed by what their police say.

"The FA are powerless in this situation. They may govern football but they canot order the police to do what they want. It is not a good day for football, or for law and order in society in general."

Maxwell Holmes, the Leeds director in charge of crowd control, said: "It's a sensible decision not to play the game at Buck's Head. Telford and the authorities had expressed some anxiety about the tie going ahead there, so it is logical to stage it elsewhere. I am pleased the FA have no plans to ban our supporters from attending the game, wherever it is played, though I never had any doubts on that score."

Leeds have a long history of crowd trouble and have been the subject of numerous FA investigations. This season, they have been accused of arson at West Bromwich Albion and Bradford City, and Ferriday added: "Forcing us to give up the game at Buck's Head is already a victory for them."

Telford were once happily able to accomodate a crowd of 13,000 against Shrewsbury Town in 1935. But Chief Inspector Ron Williams, one of the policemen who made the decision to prevent the match taking place in Telford, admitted things had changed.

"The perimeter fencing is not the same standard as the big clubs, the ground is right next to the town centre and the railway station is over a mile away. The decision was not taken lightly, but after examining all the factors presented to us, and gleaning information from as many sources as possible, including our Leeds counterparts, we knew we couldn't maintain the safety of players, spectators or local people."

Malvern give convincing display

By George Chesterton

Old Westminsters' first visit to Malvern in the Arthur Dunn Cup ended in defeat on Saturday, when they went down 2-0 to their hosts.

It was a pleasure to see the visitors wearing their traditional pink and something of a surprise to find the home team in red. Mr Ashby, the referee, found the contrast acceptable and kept play flowing in a good natured contest.

Westminster gave away a penalty after only five minutes and Denham converted this with a hard, left-foot drive. For Malvernians, Collings, Gilbert and Denham all had shots in the target area, but these were safely gathered by Rosen in the Westminster goal. Once more before half-time the ball was in the Westminster net, but Gilbert was offside.

Five minutes into the second half Saunders was unmarked five yards out and with time to spare put Malvern two ahead. Westminsters, despite constructive play from Barkhan and a good shot by Cameron which foundered in the goalmouth mud, could not reply.

In other first round matches, the holders, **Old Brentwoods**, moved safely into the second round, defeating **Old Aldenhamians** 3-0. Doran, back from a serious leg injury, made their first goal and scored the second, and their veteran star, Needham, who first appeared in the final in 1973 headed in their third.

Old Haileyburians, playing their first Arthur Dunn match, started nervously and after 10 minutes were two down against **Old Harrovians**. Although they fought back, they never got on level terms and went down 3-2.

The only replay results from a 2-2 draw between **Lancing Old Boys** and **Old Cholmeleians**. This was the score after 90 minutes and neither side was able to add to it in extra time.

RESULTS: Old Aldenhamians 0, Old Brentwoods 3; Old Carthusians 3, Old Salopians 0; Old Foresters 3, Old Bradfieldians 5; Old Haileyburians 2, Old Harrovians 3; Old Malvernians 2, Old Westminsters 0; Old Raptonians 1, Old Ardinians 0; Lancing Old Boys 2, Old Cholmeleians 2; Old Chigwellians 5, Old Wykehamists 0.

In deep end

Brussels (Reuter) — Georg Kessler, the former Cologne coach, has agreed to take charge of Antwerp, bottom of the Belgian first division. Antwerp sacked Leon Nollet earlier this week after slumping to their 10th successive defeat.

SHOW JUMPING

Jeff McVean on Whisper Grey going for a win at Olympia (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Veteran relishes big fences

By Jenny MacArthur

Olympia greeted its most popular winner yesterday when John Whitaker and his legendary partner Next Ryan's Son, 19 next year, won the Crosse and Blackwell Mince Pie Power and Speed Stakes.

The old horse, who has now won more than £300,000 during his career, made light work of Alan Ball's big course - too big according to many of the riders - and relegated David Broome on Royale, another time-honoured partnership, to second place.

Michael, John's younger brother, put up a fierce challenge on Next Heliopolis, finishing third on the 11-year-old mare on whom he completed a double clear round in this year's Nations Cup event in Toronto.

Although the course for yesterday's competition was lowered, following complaints from the riders, it was still big, with several fences around the five-foot mark. For many riders, as Harvey Smith was not slow to point out afterwards, it would have suited their Grand Prix horses better than their secondary speed horses.

But for Whitaker and his enviable 'second horse' the size was in their favour. Ryan's Son, out of deference to his age, is now kept for just a handful of shows a year. The system is working well. At the Royal International Show in June he won the King George V Cup; two months later he was second in the Hickstead Jumping Derby and then, at Wembley, in October - his last outing before Olympia - he won the Lombard Silver Spur.

This week Ryan's Son has had three outings and finished ninth, second and first. While at home, in between competitions, he is exercised by John's wife Claire - three-quarters of an hour hill and roadwork daily. This is the programme he will follow in the coming year when the old hero, who celebrated his win yesterday by eating a mince pie, will be aimed at the Hickstead Jumping Derby.

Robert Smith, who at last appears to have a string of horses to match his own ability, dominated the show on Sunday winning three out of the four classes - the fourth being won by his father.

Robert's most spectacular victory came in the Modern Alarms Christmas Stakes on Sanyo Bel Harbour, an eight-year-old grey gelding who he hopes may carry him to the next Olympic Games.

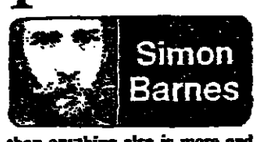
After a superb final round against the clock, in which he relegated the national champions, Broome and Phoenix Park to second place, Smith declared that Bel Harbour would be the best horse in England next year. Smith's other wins at the show came on City Tycoon, another youthful seven-year-old, and Sanyo Olympic Video.

Sue Pountain, winner of the leading show jumper of the year class at Wembley, who was not invited to compete at Olympia because she was too far down the riders' rankings list, received some compensation when she was announced yesterday as the winner of the £5,000 Raffles Daily Mail Riders' Championship.

She and her outstanding horse Ned Kelly have been so successful in the qualifying rounds during the year that the outcome of the championship was decided before the final in yesterday's Crosse and Blackwell Grand Prix.

RESULTS: Crosse and Blackwell Mince Pie Power and Speed: 1, Next Ryan's Son (J Whitaker) 24.52 sec; 2, Royale (D Broome) 24.97 sec; 3, Next Heliopolis (M Whitaker) 25.15 sec. Modern Alarms Christmas Cracker Stakes: 1, Sanyo Bel Harbour (R Smith) 0 in 34.93 sec; 2, Phoenix Park (D Broome) 0 in 35.20 sec; 3, Olympic Up To Date (W Lasraakders, Neth) 0 in 35.72 sec. Crosse and Blackwell Two-Fence Challenge: 1 equal, Whisper Grey (J McVean, Aus) and Clarence (N Kool, WG); 3 equal, Everest Asher (E Edgar) and J Nick (N Skelton). Sunday results: Cognac Convoisseur Mistletoe Six Bar: 1 equal, Grandeur (T Fruhmann, Austria) and City Tycoon (R Smith) 0; 3, Whisper Grey (J McVean) 8.

Hockey must be alive to over-exposure


Simon Barnes

If you want your sport to leap over the enormous crevasse that separates major minor sports from minor major sports, you need three things. You need stars, you need *British* success, and you need television. But beyond all doubt, the greatest of these is television.

If ever a sport demonstrates this classic blend to perfection, it is ice dance. After T and D it has become a vast telly sport: and it was television that made it so. In fact, with television you can even do without the first two desiderata. Gymnastics made it with a star, Olga Korbut, but without any British success whatsoever. It remains a major sport without any stars to speak of, because it works so well on television.

Television can even create a sport out of nothing: American football has become a thriving minor sport in Britain entirely because of television. But the success of the year has undoubtedly been hockey. It caught the public interest, it worked on the screen, it had British success, it had a couple of stars: the mustard-keen Sean Kerly and Ian Taylor, the flying mattress.

The BBC were so taken with it that, as they reminded us on Sunday night, they even cancelled *Football Focus* to show some hockey. Surely no greater sacrifice can ever have been made. So where does hockey go next? Was this a freak, or is this the start of the Great Hockey Explosion?

Flirtation now a love affair

"Well, we've got the next four years in the public eye," said Stephen Baines, chief executive of the Hockey Association. "It is up to us to make the most of them." By this, he means that Britain will go into the 1988 Olympics as bronze medal-holders, and England will go into the 1990 World Cup as beaten finalists last time around. Public expectation and interest will therefore be high.

Meanwhile, the rampant flirtation between the BBC and hockey has developed into a shameless love affair. "The BBC has opened its arms to hockey," Baines said. Their relationship, he said, is "fantastic". Hockey is bowled over, and the BBC is pretty well smitten: the corporation has expressed its enthusiasm for showing more hockey than ever before over the next couple of years.

Where television leads, the sponsors are never far behind. Lada cars have handed British hockey the biggest sponsorship in its history, £420,000 over three years. The cash will make an indoor tournament possible, and will also perpetuate the annual international tournament at Willesden. And the BBC wants to televise both.

Nor does it stop there. The BBC also wants to pick up coverage of the Champions' Trophy in Amsterdam in June (for the top six hockey nations) and the European Championships in Moscow in August. The Lada-sponsored indoor programme starts with a tournament at the end of January, and the BBC is aiming to cover it. The blue touch-paper has been lit all right.

Embarrassed by the attention

The building and consolidation was going full blast at the weekend as Bernie Cotton, England's new manager and Britain's assistant manager, was taking Britain's Under-21s through a long and intense day of practice and training. "The game needs to go forward to win more public recognition," he said. "The sport is ready, the players are ready and waiting."

The British success and the nice, unassuming stars have delighted television sports watchers. Sports stars love turning down interviews, because it makes them feel so grand and important. Kerly turned one down during the World Cup because he was embarrassed at getting so much attention. But what has made the game a dazzling television sport is the artificial surface. All international hockey is now played on plastic.

"Hockey is a multiple sprint sport, like football," said Cotton. "But it is more intense than football. It has to be, because the ball travels so much faster on the artificial surface".

So what hockey needs more than anything else is more and more artificial pitches. The decline of India and Pakistan as hockey nations is directly due to their lack of plastic pitches. They only have one each. Both countries have more urgent things to spend money on. Things that rather put sport in perspective.

But in leisure-booming Britain, artificial surfaces make good sense for community recreation projects. They can be used more or less constantly, and not just for hockey. The Sports Council, the sports minister and local councils across the country are all being cheerily lobbied by the Hockey Association, with the power of plastic constantly lauded.

The other priority is, naturally, to get more people actually playing — the younger the better. Cotton said: "At my club in Bedford, we had 60 kids between 11 and 16 wanting to take up the game after the World Cup. We've still got 45 of them."

The Hockey Association is encouraging games teachers across the country to foster the sport. They are even aiming at primary schools, and have been talking to Slazenger about developing a special hockey stick for children, one with a bigger area to hit the ball with, which will make the game easier to play and therefore more fun.

"We also need players to stay in the game as coaches," Cotton said. "Too often the pattern is that when people stop playing, they give themselves up to family and work commitments. The more they stay involved, the better it is for us."

The game is awash with plans and hopes. Kerly turned up at the British Under-21 session to play for his club, Southgate, in a practice match in which he showed the kids a thing or two about finishing. "It is good to see the way that the commercial side of things is now being handled with real professionalism," he said. "The players are really happy about that."

Learning to cope with success

Ah yes, professionalism, commercialism. I remember during the World Cup, I was enthusing about the tournament and the game. "Enjoy it while you can," I was told. "This will be the last time the game will ever be like this. It will be a great success, and so it will end up like all the other sports. Like football, for example."

Kerly said: "People have told me that what they enjoyed most about the World Cup was its freshness. How refreshing, they said, to see a good, honest sport. How refreshing to see people actually enjoying their sport. How good to see a sport without the niggles and professional fouls you see in other sports. Well, to tell the truth, even hockey is not entirely free of that sort of thing — but at least it's not as frequent and as blatant."

Baines added: "The sport won't change with more popularity. It is still the most truly amateur sport we have left. Hockey doesn't have the violence of football, or of rugby, nor does it have anything like the same injury-rate. The nature, the spirit of the sport won't change."

"Yes, the success of the sport has made a difference to me," Kerly said. "Mostly it's a pain, to be honest. When I need to talk business with people, they only want to talk to me about hockey. The only other difference is that more girls want to talk to me. My girlfriend finds that a pain." Kerly is pleased for his sport, but he is not the stuff that ghastly stars are made from.

But television — and when I say television, I mean fame, popularity, intense public interest — cannot help being television. Television tends to turn people into Mike Yarwood impersonations of themselves if they are not careful.

Television tends to make sport and sportsmen monstrously self-important. Television itself is a monster, a monster that spends its life creating monsterettes. But the process is not compulsory, or even unavoidable. Certainly, hockey came of age as a major sport during the last World Cup. The thing is that coming of age does tend to involve a lot of innocence.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Two weeks' forecasts are published today because of likely delays in the Christmas post

Saturday December 20 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal v Luton
2 Charlton v Liverpool
2 Chelsea v Tottenham
1 Everton v Wimbledon
1 Man U v Leicester
1 Nottm F v Soton
1 Oxford v A Villa
1 West Ham v QPR
Not on coupons: Coventry v Manchester City (Sunday); Sheffield Wednesday v Newcastle (Sunday); *Watford v Norwich (Friday)*

SECOND DIVISION

X Huddersfld v C Palace
1 Portsmouth v Barnsley
Not on coupons: *Birmingham v Sheffield* United (Friday); Brighton v Shrewsbury (Sunday); Derby v Grimsby (Sunday); Hull v Millwall (Sunday); Ipswich v Plymouth (Friday); Oldham v Bradford City (Sunday); Stoke v Leeds (Sunday); Sunderland v Blackburn (Sunday); WBA v Reading (Friday).

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bournemouth v Blackpool
1 Bristol C v Bolton
2 Bury v Walsall
1 Newport v Rotherham
2 York v Fulham
Not on coupons: Brentford v Middlesbrough (Sunday); Carlisle v Notts County (Sunday); Chester v Chesterfield (Friday); Darlington v Port Vale (Friday); Doncaster v Swindon (Sunday); Gillingham v Bristol Rovers (Friday); Mansfield v Wigan (Sunday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Crewe
1 Camb U v Rochdale
1 Preston v Orient
1 Swansea v Colchester
X Torquay v Peterboro
2 Wolves v Southend
Not on coupons: Burnley v Cardiff (Friday); Halifax v Hereford (Friday); Northampton v Lincoln (Sunday); Scunthorpe v Exeter (Friday); Stockport v Wrexham (Friday); Tranmere v Hartlepool (Friday)

MULTIPART LEAGUE

1 Caernarfon v Workington
X Chorley v Oswestry
2 Witton v Bangor

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Redditch v Folkestone
X Salisbury v Bedworth

SOUTHERN LEAGUE MIDLAND DIVISION

2 Bilston v Halesowen
2 Bridgnth v Coventry Sp
1 Mile Oak v Banbury
X Moor Grn v Wellingboro
X S Coldfield v Forest G

SOUTHERN LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

1 Corinthian v Woodford
1 Dover v Waterlooville
1 Dunstable v Erith

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Bognor v Kingstonian
X Hayes v Hendon

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE FIRST DIVISION

2 Billericay v L-Wingate
1 Lewes v Finchley
1 Uxbridge v Tilbury

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Aberdeen
1 Dundee U v Hearts
X Falkirk v Dundee
2 Hamilton v Rangers
X Hibernian v Motherwell
1 St Mirren v Clydebank

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Brechin v Morton
1 Dumbarton v Forfar
1 Dunfermline v Clyde
1 East Fife v Airdrie
1 Kilmarnock v Montrose
1 Partick v Q of Sth

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Albion v Stirling
1 Alloa v Stranraer
2 Arbroath v Raith
1 Cowdenbth v Berwick
1 Meadowbank v Ayr
1 Queens Pk v E Stirling
1 St Johnstne v Stenhsmr

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Huddersfield, Torquay, Chorley, Salisbury, Moor Green, Sutton Coldfield, Hayes, Falkirk, Hibernian, Albion. Next best: Brechin, Partick.
BEST BUYS: Huddersfield, Torquay, Hayes, Hibernian, Albion.
HOMES: Everton, Manchester United, West Ham, Portsmouth, Newport, Preston.
AWAYS: Liverpool, Walsall, Rangers, Morton, Raith.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, West Ham, Portsmouth, Newport, Preston. **Aways:** Liverpool, Walsall, Rangers. **Draws:** Huddersfield, Hull, Torquay.

Saturday December 27 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal v Soton
X Chelsea v Aston Villa
X Coventry v Tottenham
1 Man U v Norwich
1 Oxford v QPR
X Sheff W v Liverpool
X Watford v Newcastle
1 West Ham v Wimbledon
Not on coupons: Charlton v Manchester City (Sunday); Everton v Leicester (Sunday); Nottingham Forest v Luton (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 Brighton v Reading
1 Derby v Barnsley
X Huddersfld v Bradford
1 Hull v Blackburn
1 Ipswich v C Palace
1 Oldham v Leeds
1 Stoke v Sheffield U
X Sunderland v Grimsby
1 WBA v Plymouth
Not on coupons: Birmingham v Millwall (Monday December 29); Portsmouth v Shrewsbury (Monday December 29)

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bournemuth v Fulham
X Bristol C v Walsall
2 Bury v Notts Co
1 Carlisle v Rotherham
X Darlington v Chesterfld
1 Doncaster v Bolton
1 Gillingham v Swindon
1 Newport v Port Vale
2 York v Wigan
Not on coupons: Brentford v Bristol Rovers (Sunday); Chester v Blackpool; Mansfield v Middlesbrough

FOURTH DIVISION

X Aldershot v Colchester
1 Burnley v Crewe
1 Halifax v Rochdale
1 Preston v Hartlepool
1 Scunthorpe v Lincoln
2 Stockport v Peterboro
1 Swansea v Hereford
1 Torquay v Orient
X Wolves v Exeter
Not on coupons: Cambridge United v Southend (Sunday); Northampton v Cardiff (Sunday); Tranmere v Wrexham

MULTIPART LEAGUE

1 Macclesfield v Rhyl
1 Mossley v Gainsboro
2 Oswestry v Chorley
X S Liverpool v Matlock
2 Workington v Hyde
1 Worksop v Witton

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Hamilton
2 Clydebank v Celtic
1 Dundee v Hibernian
1 Hearts v Falkirk
1 Motherwell v St Mirren
X Rangers v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Airdrie v Dumbarton
X Clyde v East Fife
1 Forfar v Kilmarnock
1 Montrose v Partick
2 Morton v Dunfermline
1 Q of Sth v Brechin

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Ayr v St Johnstone
1 Berwick v Queen's Pk
2 E Stirling v Alloa
1 Raith v Albion
2 Stenhsmr v Cowdenbth
Not on coupons: Stirling v Meadowbank; Stranraer v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chelsea, Coventry, Sheffield Wednesday, Watford, Sunderland, Bristol City, Darlington, Wolves, Rangers, Airdrie, Clyde, Ayr.
BEST BUYS: Coventry, Sunderland, Darlington, Wolves, Rangers.
AWAYS: Notts County, Wigan, Celtic, Dunfermline, Alloa.
HOMES: Arsenal, West Ham, Derby, Doncaster, Newport, Preston, Swansea, Macclesfield, Aberdeen, Hearts, Queen of the South, Raith.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Newport, Preston, Swansea, Aberdeen. **Aways:** Wigan, Celtic, Dunfermline. **Draws:** Coventry, Sunderland, Darlington.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Headingworth 10km road race: 1, D Ellis (Birchfield) 30min 50sec; 2, A Rushmer (Tipton) 31.00; 3, P Trenter (Birchfield) 31.12. Womens: 1, L Ramdles (Birmingham Univ) 37.38; 2, L Tinson (Belgrave) 38.51; 3, C Rollinson (Royal Sutton) 39.27.

CRICKET

KOLHAPUR: Tour match: Sri Lanka 502 for 7 dec (P A de Silva 115 not out, R Ratnayeke 91, A Ranatunga 84); India Under-25 332 for 5 (C Sakdhera 70, C Pandit 101 not out, B Arun 107 not out). Match drawn.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: At Sydney: Final day: New South Wales 345 and 185 for 5 dec (D Wellham 66 not out, *M O'Neill* 66). Western Australia 277 and 69 for 1. Match drawn.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

COGNE, Italy: World Cup competition: Men's 15km: 1, G Svan (Swe), 36:08.7; 2, T Morgan (Swe), 36:24.00; 3, V Smirnov, (USSR), 36:31.7. Men's 4x10km relay race: 1, Sweden, 1hr 48min 47sec; 2, Norway, 1:48:52; 3, Switzerland, 1:48:58; 4, Sweden B, 1:49:03; 5, USSR, 1:49.18.
VAL DI SOLE: World Cup competition: Women's 5km race: 1, B Petterson (Nor), 15min 22.9sec; 2, M Johansson (Swe), 15:25.5; 3, G Nikkamo (Nor), 15:28.5. Women's 4 x 5km relay race: 1, Norway, 1hr 03min 29sec; 2, USSR A, 1:02.56; 3, USSR B 1:03.19; 4, Norway B 1:03.22; 5, Sweden 1:03:26.

CYCLO-CROSS

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, D McMullen (Wembley RC), 1hr 07min 00secs; 2, G Dodd (Wembley RC) 1:07.28; 3, M Ball (London Fire Brigade) 1.10.38. Veterans: 1 Jewell (Southern Velo), Under-16: 1, K Batt (Bournemouth Arrow), 31.57; 2, A Bostock (Clarencourt) 32.50; 3, C Glen (GS Europa) 32.23. Under-12: 1, J Rice (Gemini BC); 2, W Rice (Gemini BC); 3, B Curtis (South Western Road Club).

FOOTBALL

BAHRAIN, Friendly match: Manchester Utd. and bt Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) team 1-0. Scorer: Whiteside (60th min).
FA YOUTH CUP: Millwall v Oxford postponed (ground waterlogged).

GOLF

BOCA RATON, Florida: Chrysler PGA Invitation team tournament: Final scores: (All US): 251: G Hallberg and S Hoch, 252: M Hubert and B Tway, 255: B Faxon and D Hepler, 256: J Nicklaus and J Nicklaus II; C Rose and T Simpson; D Forsman and A North; D Barr and B Eastwood; 258: P Lindsey and M McCumber; R Cramer and G Jones; 260: D Briggs and L Rinker; F Couples and M Donald; J Boling and B Fabel.

SKI JUMPING

LAKE PLACID, US: World Cup: 70 metre competition: 1, E Vettori (Austria), 241.2 pts.; 2, P Ulaga (Yug), 233.7; 3, V Opaas (Norway), 229.6; 4, M Tapio (Yug), 224.2; 5, Ole-Gunnar Fidjestol (Nor), 217.6; 6, J Weissflog, (EG), 215.8; 7, P Rolnwein (WG), 213.5; 8, A Felder (Austria), 211.5; 9, M Holland (US), 210.7; 10, M Nykanen (Fin), 209.8; 11, M Debelak (Yug), 208.5; 12, R Resch (Austria), 208.9; 13, J Kaleo (Fin), 206.8; 14, U Fincksteen (EG), 206.4; 15, T Yliouill (Fin), 205.5. Leading positions after four events: 1, V Opaas (Nor), 64 pts; 2, E Vettori (Austria), 57; 3, M Nykanen (Fin), 54; 4, J Weissflog (EG), 53; 5, P Ulaga (Yug), 45.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Ayr Bruins 5, Dundee Rockets 7; Cleveland Bombers 3, Durham Wasps 13; Nottingham Panthers 7, Streatham Redskins 3. First division: Kirkcaldy Kestrels 6, Bournemouth Stars 7; Lee Valley Lions 3, Southampton Vikings 10; Slough Jets 14, Blackpool Seagulls 3; Sunday's matches: Premier Division: Ayr Bruins 7, Durhams Wasps 7; Murrayfield Racers 11, Dundee Rockets 7; Solihull Barons 2, Nottingham Panthers 6; Streatham Redskins 3, Fife Flyers 4; Whitley Warriors 12, Cleland Bombers 8. First division: Medway Bears 18, Trafford Metros 6; Southampton Vikings 8, Richmond Flyers 2; Sunderland Chiefs 6, Bournemouth Stags 9.
NORTH AMERICA: National League: (NHL): Sunday: Portland Trail Blazers 134, Dallas Mavericks 100; New York Rangers 3, Washington Capitals 1; Buffalo Sabres 4, Hartford Whalers 3; New Jersey Devils 4, Montreal Canadiens 2; Boston Bruins 4, Quebec Nordiques 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Winnipeg Jets 1; Vancouver Canucks 7, Chicago Blackhawks 2; Edmonton Oilers 4, Los Angeles Kings 2.

REAL TENNIS

LAWN'S: Sir Ralph Richardson Cup: Semi-finals: P B Allen bt J M Wiseman 6-5; B Dowling bt Dr L Hughes 10-1. Final: Allen bt Dowling 6-6.

TABLE TENNIS

PICKETTS LOCK, Edmonton: Stiga Middlesex Three-star championships: Men's quarter-finals: D Douglas (Lancs) bt N Mason (Surrey) 21-13, 21-16; S Andrew (Essex) bt M Pinder (Canada) 21-17, 21-16; J Souter (Middx) bt C Preen (IoW) 21-18, 14-21, 21-19; A Cooke (Derby) bt S Scowcroft (Lancs) 14-21, 21-7, 21-15. Semi-finals: Douglas bt Andrew 21-17, 21-18; Cooke bt Souter 21-10, 21-17. Final: Douglas bt Cooke 20-24, 21-18. Men's doubles: Finals: S Andrew and N Mason bt D Douglas and P Bradbury (Bucks) 21-15, 21-14. Women's semi-finals: J Grundy (Lancs) bt Than Mach (Canada) 21-14, 21-14; M Domonkos (Canada) bt J Harris (Staffs) 14-21, 21-16, 21-18. Finals: Grundy bt Domonkos 21-14, 21-10. Women's doubles: Finals: F Elliot and J Harris (Staffs) bt M Domonkos and G Hsu (Can) 16-21, 21-16, 21-14.

RUGBY UNION

RADIO BEDFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Leighton Buzzard 13, Bedford Athletic 6.
CRODY AND CRODY BEERS CUP: First round: Abbey 82, Shire Hall 0; Maidenhead 45, Q Windsorians 9; Newbury 9, Redingensians 3.
BUCKS CUP: Quarter-finals: Beaconsfield 0, Buckingham 13; Bletchley 0, High Wycombe 14; Marlow 31, Slough 7.
MISS HERTS PRESIDENT'S CUP: Quarter-finals: Bacavians 0, Letchworth 14; Hertford 25, Hemel Hempstead 3; Tabard 3, O Albanians 0; Welwyn 3, Cheshunt 10.
KENT CUP: Second round: Folkestone 0, Maidstone 15.
MIDDLESEX CUP: Fourth round: Grasshoppers 0, Ealing 16; Lensbury 6, O Kingsburians 7; O Gaytonians 30, Metropolitan Police 8; Orleans FP 9, Rosslyn Park 9 (Rosslyn Park win on third rule); Ruislip 7, Uxbridge 0; Upper Clapton 9, Harlequins 11; Wasps 20, Saracens 9; WLIHE 3, Richmond 24.
SUFFOLK CUP: Semi-finals: Colchester 9, Ipswich 9 (Ipswich win on away rule); Sudbury 31, Harwich 6.
SURREY CUP: Third round: Cranleigh 6, Camberley 16; KCS Old Boys 9, O Tiffinians 9 (Tiffinians win on away rule); O Cardinghams 5, O Guildfordians 30; O Reigatians 0, Guildford and Godalming 4; O Wallsoutians 3, Streatham-Croydon 3 (Streatham-Croydon win on away rule).

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Tolly Ales English championships: First round: B Bennett (Southampton) bt N Gilbert (Bedford) 6-5, F Smith (Ilford) bt B Rowswell (Taunton) 6-5; D Roe (Derby) bt D Greaves (Blackpool) 6-1; S James (Cannock) bt J Harrington (Stoke) 6-5; K Owens (Fleetwood) w/o P Houlihan (Deptford) Scr. Second round: S Duggan (Rotherham) bt M Fisher (Bedford) 6-0; M Bradley (Whitwell) bt D Gilbert (London) 6-3; P Mitchell (Manchester) bt P Gibson (Nottingham) 6-2; J Fitzmaurice (Birmingham) bt G Scott (Liverpool) 6-2; M Wildman (Peterborough) w/o M Watterson (Chesterfield), Scr. J Spencer (Radcliffe) bt J Wright (London) 6-1; G Cripsey (Skegness) bt J Dunning (Morley) 6-1; L Dodd (Southport) bt M Smith (Ilford) 6-3; V Harris (Basildon) bt M Darrington (High Wycombe) 6-3; J Herrie (Portsmouth) bt G Foulds (Penrhale) 6-1; T Jones (Chesterfield) bt B Oliver (Plymouth) 6-1; S James (Cannock) bt F Davis (Derby) 6-2; G Miles (Birmingham) bt J Meadowcroft (Bacup) walked over.

TENNIS

QUEEN S CLUB: BWTA Christmas tournament: First round: J Salmon (Sussex) bt C Billingham (Oxon) 6-2, 6-3; K Hunter (Surrey) bt M Oppenheimer (Middlesex) 6-3, 6-0; C Bateman (Essex) bt M Bishop (Herts) 6-3, 6-1; T Catlin (Cambs) bt K Hand (Berks) 6-4, 6-4; J Tacon (Norfolk) bt S Smith (Essex) 6-1, 6-2; L Gould (Essex) bt J Reeves (Kent) 6-2, 6-1; S Timms (Essex) bt A Tate (Sussex) 6-2, 6-1; A Fleming (Leicester) bt V Prudhoe (Berks) 6-1, 6-1; S Sullivan (Essex) bt V Sims (Surrey) 6-0, 6-0; K Brown (Bucks) bt S Hancock (Essex) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; J Caplen (Herts) bt J Paterson (Kent) 6-4, 8-6; A Grunfeld (Lancs) bt C Tee (Surrey) 6-0, 6-1; D Schuurman (Middx) bt A Nail (Oxon) 6-0, 6-3; J Louis (Devon) bt S Armitage (Yorks) 6-1, 6-1.
Boyriel Bank Junior Indoor Tournament: Girls' finals: H Matthews (Berks) bt A Chaudhuri (Herts), 6-0, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's First division: Liverpool City 3, Portsmouth Heatseal 0; Newcastle (Staffs) 3, Colchester 0; Redwood Lodge 3, Spark Crook Log 1; Dragonara Leeds 3, Portsmouth Heatseal 0; Stalybridge Falcons 3, Spark Crook Log 1. Women's First division: Arsenal 0, Ashcomos 3; Speedwell 1, Sale 3; Portsmouth Heatseal 0, Sale 3; Spark 3, Southsea Scorpions 0.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

A two-night A to Z of apartheid

● As an analysis of the one racial conflict that has world-wide repercussions, Granada Television's **Apartheid** (ITV, 9.00pm and 10.30pm, and tomorrow night at the same times) is without precedent. It is, perhaps, of only academic interest that never before has a documentary straddled the News at Ten on two successive nights. The important thing is that for the first time, the curve of the South Africa crisis is being plotted chronologically, and the injustices, the repressions and the pleas of justification and the substitution of violence for negotation, are set out without ambiguity and with all the remorselessness and inevitability of a Greek tragedy. Tonight's two segments span the years between the slaughter of Zulus in the Battle of Blood River to the outlawing of the African National Congress and the introduction of detention without trial that was euphemistically called social isolation. The intervening milestones – the Boer War, the growth of the Afrikaner and African nationalist movements, Smuts, Verwoerd, Malan, segregation, Sharpeville – receive much more than the customary cursory glance. Tomorrow night, the focus shifts to the homelands, the splits that developed in the National Party after P W Botha's promises of reforms, and the generating of parent power.

● On paper, **Celebration of a Broadcaster** (BBC2, 7.15pm) sounds most impressive –in all respects on occasion worthy of the radio and televion journalist it honours, Richard Dimbleby. It remains to be seen whether the feast of music and the spoken word that will be broadcast live from Westminster Abbey succeeds in capturing the essence of the man whose own commentaries never failed to get the full measure of ceremonial occasions such as tonight's.

● Also worth your attention tonight: the **Hancock Half Hour** episode that had the comedian contemplating plastic surgery on his nose (BBC1, 8.00pm), and episode two of Peter Buckman's adaptation of Vera Sackville-West's **All Passion Spent** (BBC2, 9.00pm) in which Harry Andrews's FitzGeorge, a shadowy figure in episode one, is filled out considerably.

● Radio offers a couple of more than passably interesting documentaries tonight that put music-making against against unusual backgrounds. **Opera on the Road** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is Antony Hopkins's report on Pavilion Opera who take Verdi, Mozart and Donizetti to stately homes and perform on a 12ft by 18ft carpet. No orchestra, just a piano – and a chorus only when it is absolutely impossible to do without one. I have heard far worse singing at Covent Garden than from some of the principals we hear exercising their tonsils in Anne Hinds's charming feature.... **The Band** (Radio 2, 9.00pm) completes Angela Rippon's engaging survey of those most versatile of military musicians, the Band of the Royal Marines. Their duties on board the Royal Yacht Britainnia, climaxing in the Queen's visit to China, provide tonight's business. The quality of the sound recording is quite exceptional.

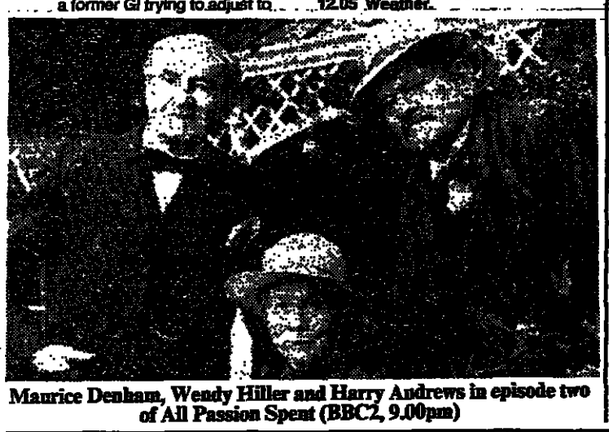
Peter Davalle

CHOICE

Dr Malan: "Apartness" was his slogan: Apartheid, on ITV, 9.00pm

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News** headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** (r) 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate the sort of Christmas fare to expect on the Welfare State 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News** and weather 9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with the first of a week-long series on fighting isolation 10.00 **News** and weather 10.05 **Neighbours.** (r)
10.25 **Philip Schofield** with children's television news, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School** 10.50 **Willo the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Geoffrey Wheeler with a thought for the day 11.00 **News** and weather 11.05 **Something Simple Like a Scald.** A documentary about the the work done by the burns unit of the Birmingham Accident Hospital. (r) 11.30 **Open Air.** Viewers comment on television programme content. (including news and weather at 12.00)
12.25 **Domesday Detective.** The last day of the quarterfinals of the team quiz on the subject of Britain 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 **Neighbours.** Mrs Forbes forgets to pass on some vital information 1.50 **Stop-Go.** (r)
2.00 **Film: Till the End of Time"** (1946) starring Robert Mitchum, Guy Madison, and Dorothy McGuire. The story of a former GI trying to adjust to civilian life in a small town, with the help of a young widow. Directed by Edward Dmytryk 3.40 **Barney Bear.** Cartoon.
3.50 **Scragtag and his Tea-time Telly** 4.05 **Captain Caveman** (r) 4.20 **Jonny Briggs.** Serial. 4.30 **The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky.** Part six. (r) 4.35 **Record Breakers.** A skipping record is attempted.
5.00 **Newsround** 5.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode 21. (r) (Ceefax)
5.35 **Masterteam.**
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Telly Addicts.** Last year's champions, the Pairs from Swindon, challenge this year's winners, the Reynish family of Swansea.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Hannah is worried that Kelvin has been out all night. (Ceefax)
8.00 **Hancock's Half Hour"** When a girl makes a disparaging remark about his nose, Hancock takes it to heart and consults a plastic surgeon. (r)
8.30 **Tom O'Connor.** The entertainer's guest this week is Adrian Walsh.
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Film: Highpoint** (1979) starring Richard Harris, Christopher Plummer, and Beverly D'Angelo. Comedy thriller about a man who takes the job of bodyguard to a beautiful woman and becomes involved with the CIA, the Mafia, and a missing $10 million. Directed by Peter Carter.
11.00 **Film 86** presented by Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed is Heartbreak Ridge, starring and directed by Clint Eastwood. There is also a preview of the New Year releases.
11.30 **Ideas Unlimited.** William Woollard investigates the best company suggestion schemes.
12.05 **Weather.**



Maurice Denham, Wendy Hiller and Harry Andrews in episode two of All Passion Spent (BBC2, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Gharbar.** Asian music and dance compilation.
9.25 **Ceefax.**
12.30 **Design and Innovation.** Part two of the Horizon documentary, Eurekaaarghl, in which Robert Symes examined the difficulties faced by inventors.
12.55 **Telejournal.** A repeat of yesterday's news bulletin from Madrid television.
1.20 **Ceefax.**
2.00 **News** and weather.
2.02 **Parent Programme.** Two approaches to fitness for the under-fives.
2.15 **Songs of Praise** from St James's, Clerkenwell, celebrating 25 years of Help the Aged. (Ceefax)
2.50 **Brief Encounters.** A 12-year-old Californian boy recalls his parents' divorce, two years on.
3.00 **News** and weather.
3.03 **Newsnight Afternoon** presented by Nick Clark including reports from both Houses of Parliament.
3.50 **News,** regional news, and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** The guests include Roland Rat, and Cantabile.
4.30 **Floyd on Fish.** The last programme of the series and Keith Floyd waxes lyrical about freshly-gathered cockles, and dedicates his fish soup to the fishermen of the West Country.
5.00 **Domesday Detectives.** A repeat of the programme shown on BBC 1 at 12.25.
5.30 **Tomorrow's World.** Last Thursday's edition which included news of high-tec ways of improving vermouth.
6.00 **No Limits.** Jenny and Tony explore London's East End.
6.50 **Cricket: Third Test.** Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the final day's play.
7.15 **Celebration of a Broadcaster.** A celebration in words and music of the memory of Richard Dimbleby, live from Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Princess Alexandra, marking the 20th Anniversary of the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund. (see Choice)
8.30 **Food and Drink Christmas Special.** Chris Kelly presents a seasonal quiz. With Jill Goolden, Michael Smith, Michael Barry, and Oz Clarke.
9.00 **All Passion Spent.** Part two of the three-episode adaptation of Vita Sackville-West's novel, and Lady Slane is now in the comparative safety of Hampstead but an unexpected visitor arrives and disturbs her peace of mind. Starring Wendy Hiller, Harry Andrews, and Maurice Denham. (Ceefax)
9.55 **Richard Clayderman** in London. The celebrated pianist's guests are Johnny Mathis and Henry Mancini.
10.35 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news
11.20 **Weather.**

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9.25 **Thames news** headlines followed by **Christmas Village.** Cartoon series about the village in which Father Christmas lives. 9.35 **Struggle Beneath the Sea.** The unusual relationship between the clownfish and the sea anemone. (r)
10.00 **Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon** (1962) starring Red Buttons, Barbara Eden, and Cedric Hardwicke. Adventure yarn set in the late 19th century, about a group of people charting unexplored East Africa by balloon. Directed by Irwin Allen. 11.35 **Cartoon Time** 11.55 **Star of Bethlehem.** The scientific investigation into the nature of the Christmas Star continues.
12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning not to be greedy, with the help of puppets and guest, John Styles. 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **Sorrell and Son.** The final episode and Kit, now a successful surgeon, wonders how he can repay his father's trust and devotion. (r) (Oracle)
2.30 **Daytime.** This 150th edition features children and young people giving their views on the most newsworthy programmes to have been shown on television during the past year. Presented by Sarah Kennedy 3.00 **Three Little Words Special** presented by Ray Alan 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **The Young Doctors.**
4.00 **The Giddy Game Show** 4.10 **The Telebugs** 4.20 **C.A.B.** The final episode. 4.45 **Splash** includes a fashion video for party-goers, and The Housemartins.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news.**
6.35 **Crossroads.** Stephen's latest misdeed leaves Diane devastated.
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** An unexpected guest makes a startling revelation at Alan Turner's party.
7.30 **George and Mildred.** George has to raise some readies in a hurry and decides to sell something that he knows Mildred would not want to get rid of, so he decides not to let her into the scheme. Starring Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy. (r)
8.00 **Des O'Connor Live.**
9.00 **Apartheid.** Part one of a four-part documentary exploring the history of apartheid. This programme examines the growth of the conflicts between South Africa's blacks and whites, Afrikaners and English-speaking settlers. (part two after the news) (see Choice)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **Apartheid.** Part two begins with the National Party taking over the government in 1948, ushering in the mass removal of black Africans from cities and the categorization of every citizen by race. The Sharpeville massacre of 1960 brought the first damaging criticism of apartheid from the outside world, but Prime Minister Verwoerd remained unmoved and imprisoned all the main African political leaders, citing the need to protect 'white civilisation'
11.30 **Hammer House of Horror: Growing Pains,** starring Barbara Kellerman and Gary Bond. Selfish parents reap what they sow when their love-starved son wreaks vengeance from beyond the grave. (r)
12.25 **Night Thoughts.**

Don Murray, Gena Rowlands and Rob Lowe as the family in the TV film Thursday's Child (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Film: Music Hath Charms"** (1935) Henry Hall and his band in a series of surreal adventures at their BBC studio. Directed by Thomas Bentley, Alexander Esway, Walter Summers, and Arthur Woods.
3.45 **Years Ahead.** This edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall, includes a visit to an elderly Polish community in North Wales; and Nick Barber reports from NAIDEX on inexpensive items designed to make life more comfortable for the disabled.
4.30 **Countdown.** The last quarterfinal pits the number four seed, Liz Wilcox, against Les Martin, the 70-year old number five seed.
5.00 **Bewitched.** Samantha loses her powers of magic when she refuses to give up her all-too-mortal husband.
5.30 **As Good As News.** In part three of his series on renovating old furniture, Mike Smith explains how to repair drawer runners. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Remington Steele.** Remington and Laura are hired to find the missing twin sister of a jet-setting playgirl.
6.55 **Murun Buchistansangur.** Cartoon adventures of an odious little character who lives in a crack in a kitchen wall.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Beatrice Hollyer.
7.50 **Comment.** with his views on a topical subject is Craig Brown, chair of the London Branch of the Football Supporters' Association. **Weather.**
8.00 **Brookside.** Billy's bank-manager suggests that he should borrow more money.
8.30 **4 What It's Worth.** Consumer affairs programme presented by Penny Junor. John Stoneborough meets people borrowing money on 800% interest; Bill Brockon reports on the preserving additive, Sulphur Dioxide; and David Stafford tastes the best in non-alcoholic drinks.
9.00 **Film: Thursday's Child** (1983) starring Rob Lowe, Gena Rowlands, and Don Murray. A made-for-television drama, based on Victoria Poole's non-fiction story of a 17-year old boy with a degenerative heart disease whose only hope of survival is a heart transplant. Directed by David Lowell Rich.
10.50 **The The Tube: Infected.** A shock pop video on Aids featuring the pop group, The The, filmed in Peru, Bolivia, a New York brothel, and England.
11.40 **Soap.** Chester confesses to Jessica that he didn't even know Jessica when he slept with Mary.
12.10 **Their Lordships' House.** Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.25.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge. 9.30-10.00 Week in Week Out 10.00-11.30 Film: Highpoint (Richard Harris) 12.05am-12.35 Film '86. 12.35-12.40 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotsman 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.30-10.00 Yes, Prime Minister. 10.00-10.35 Treasures of the Burrell 10.35-11.00 Rhoda. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterpiece. 12.05-12.10am News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30am-8.55 Masterteam. 8.55-9.00 Interval.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35 Chips 11.25-11.55 California Highways 12.30-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 Anglia News and Weather 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Bygones 11.30 Simon and Simon 12.25am Dear Diary, close.

BORDER As London except: 9.25 Sesame Street 10.35 Film: Not Wanted on Voyage (1957) 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 11.30 Tales from the Darkside 12.00 Weather, close.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.35 Everyday China 10.00 Short Story Theatre: Uncle T 10.25-11.55 Film: They Met in the Dark (1943) starring James Mason. Second World war adventure about a British naval commander who is dismissed from the service after enemy agents plant false orders on him and ships are lost 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 Central News 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 Central News

CHANNEL As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.30 The Poseidon Files 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons 12.30pm Getting On 1.00-1.20 Channel News and Weather 1.30 The Barnstones 1.35 A Country Practice 2.30-3.00 the Sharks 5.12 Puffin's Plaffce 5.15-5.45 sons & Daughters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report followed by: Sorry, No Orrners 11.30 Crazy Like a Fox 12.30am Weather, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.35 The Smurfs 10.00 Ten Green Bottles 10.30 Short Story Theatre 11.00-12.00 Tarzan 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 North News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 7.00-7.30 The Paul Cola Show 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am News 12.35 Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.35 Flora and Fauna 9.50 Blondie Takes a Vacation 11.00 Granada Reports followed by Runaway Island 11.25 Connections 11.55-12.00 Granada Reports 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports 5.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25-6.35 This is Your Right 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.30 A Christmas Memory 11.30 The Rag Tag Champs 6.00-6.35 HTV News 11.30 Word Into Image 12.30am Weather, close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35 Tarzan 11.25 Victor and Maria 11.30-11.55 Fireball XL5 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 Scottish News 3.25-4.00 Sons & Daughters 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 11.30 Late Call 11.35 The Sweeney 12.30am Close.

TSW As London except: 9.35am The Getalong Gang 10.00 Film: Blondie" 11.05 The Protectors 11.30-11.55 Miracle of Glass 12.30-1.00 Getting On followed by: Getting On...Plus 1.20-1.30 TSW News and Weather 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Tuesday View 7.00-7.30 Who's The Boss? 11.30 Postscript 11.35 Falcon Crest 12.30am Weather, Close.

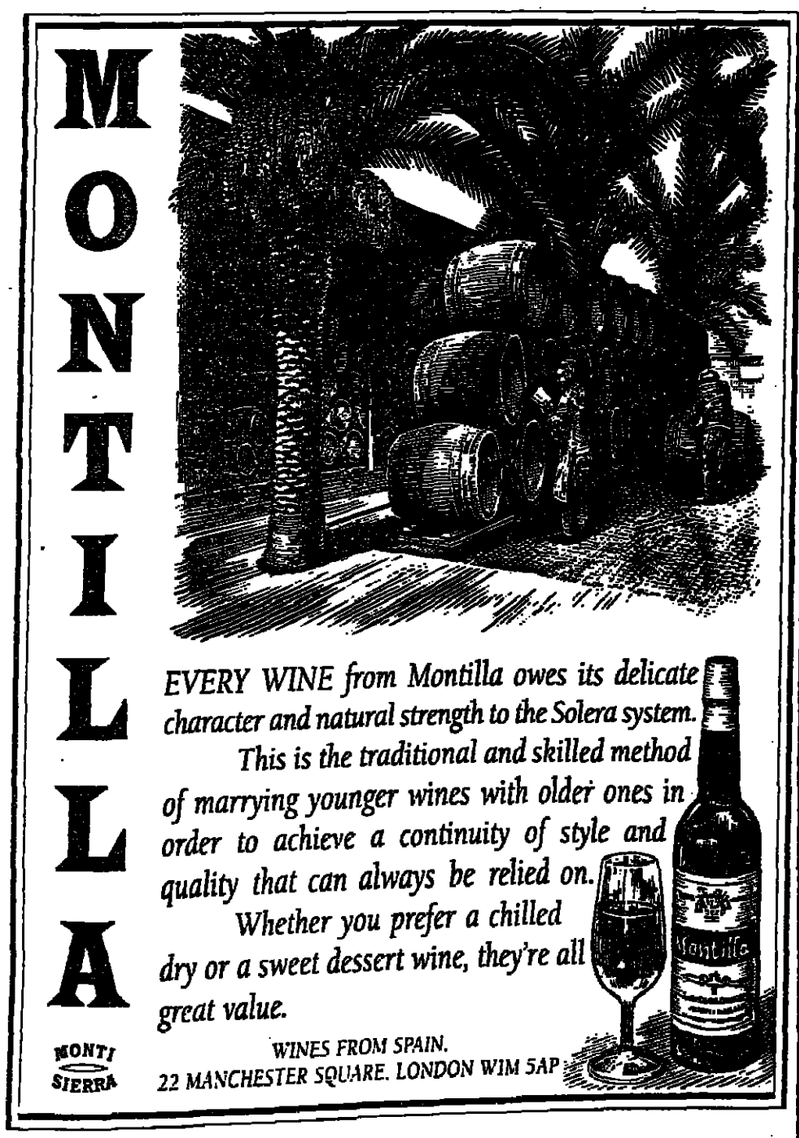
TVS As London except: 9.35am Sesame Street 10.30 Poseidon Files 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20 TVS News 1.30 Action 1.35-2.30 A Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Dollar Bottom 5.12-5.45 TVS News followed by Sons and Daughters 6.25-6.35 Police 5 11.30 Crazy Like a Fox 12.30am Company, close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35-11.55 Film: The Big Store, starring Groucho Marx as a private detective without a case until a department store heiress asks for his help 1.20 Regional News 1.25-1.30 Lookaround 3.00 Whiskers and Wet Noses 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 11.30 Face Values 11.45 Hotel 12.35am On the Edge... 12.45 Close.

ULSTER As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35 Toytown 10.45 World of Stories. The Nightingale, the story of a rich and powerful person who learns that the precious things in life have nothing to do with wealth and grandeur. 11.00-11.55 Otherworld 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Barbara Cartland) 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Diary Dates 11.30 David Frost Presents the Guinness Book of Records 12.25am News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.35 Sesame Street's Big Bird in China 10.55 Robo Story 11.25 The Care Bears 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 Calendar News 3.30-4.00 A Country Practice 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am-6.00 Music Box

S4C 12.10pm Mr Drake's Duck (1950) 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Irish Angle 3.00 The Heart of the Dragon 4.00 Fatabetam 4.15 Rebecca 4.20 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Basketball – Go 4 It! 6.00 Treasure Hunt 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Cefn Cwlad 8.00 Basketball – Go 4 It!, News Headlines 9.00 Bowen A'I Bartner 9.50 Arwyddion Flyrdd 10.20 Gwyl Gorawl Cymru 85 11.20 A Change of Mind 12.20 Close.



Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.30 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 Newsbeat (Steve Annett) 12.45 Gary Davies (Top 40 singles) 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Steve Annett) 5.45 Bruno Brookes (Top 40 singles) 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Cricket: Third Test. Australia v England, at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.07, 8.07. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 David Hamilton 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Bob Holness Presents (BBC Radio Orchestra) 9.00 The Band. Angela Rippon on the work of the Royal Marine Band. 10.00 The Name's The Game 10.30 Back To Square One. (Chris Serle, Barbara Kelly, Leslie Thomas, Peter Moloney and Stella Stasiak) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 My Country in Mind 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Plants in our Past 8.30 After Berlioz 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter from Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Music of Weber 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Scotland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 Street Life 9.10 Book Choice 9.15 International Rapital 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sing Gospel 11.30 Language of Terrorism 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Great Organists Play Bach 2.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Street Life 4.40 Book Choice (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

5.25 **On medium wave only.** Third Test. Australia v England. Until 7.35am
6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News**
7.05 **Concert: Grieg** (Symphonic Dance, Op 64 No 1: Philharmonia). Paganini (Violin Concerto No 1: Perlman with RPO). Rimsky-Korsakov (Musical picture, Sadko: Rotterdam PO). 8.00 News
8.05 **Concert** (continued) Walton (Scapino overture: LSO), Stravinsky (Fosur Studies, Op 7: Michel Beroff, piano), Harty (Three Pieces: Sarah Francis, oboe and Peter Dickinson, piano), Sibelius (Symphony No 7: Scottish National Orchestra). 9.00 News
9.05 **This Week's Composer:** Ravel. Cinq melodies populaires grecques (Mespié, soprano, and Baldwin, piano), Sonatine (Argerich, piano), Noel des jouets (Lott, soprano, and Baldwin, piano). Introduction and Allegro (Ellis, harp, and Melos Ensemble of London), and Histoires naturelles (Bacquier, baritone, with Baldwin, piano)
10.00 **Janina Fialkowska:** piano recital. Bach (Prelude and Fugue in A minor, transc by Liszt), Mozart (Sonata in D major, K 284), Chopin (Impromptu in A flat, Op 29 and Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52)
10.50 **Attributed to .... Academy** of St Martin-in-Fields play Wassenaer's Concerto armonico No 5 in B flat, attributed to Pergolesi, and the ECO play Leopold Mozart's Cassation in G, attrib Haydn
11.25 **Violin and Piano:** Maureen Smith and Ian Brown. Mozart (Sonata in C, K 402, completed by Stadler), and Prokofiev (Sonata No 1)
12.10 **Concert: BBC** Philharmonic (under Mark Elder), with Jane Eaglen (soprano). Part one. Berlioz (extracts from Romeo and Juliet). 1.00 News
1.05 **Concert** (part two) Beethovsin (Scene and aria: Ah! perfido) and Janacek (Taras Bulba)
1.45 **Guitar encores:** Sergio and Odair Assad play works by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Rodrigo and Granfalli
2.15 **Strings Past and Future:** . Beethoven (Three duo-sonatas: In A Op 30 No 1: Peter Winograd, violin and Rohan de Silva, piano; Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1, with Peter Rejto, cello, and Eugene Rowley, piano); Sonata in A, Op 69, with Charles Curtis,cello, and Shigeo Neriki, piano). Tchaikovsky works including Serenade melancolique (with Kyoto Takazawa) and the Violin Concerto (Leonidas Kavakos, with Indianapolis SO). 4.55 News
5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure:** with Michael Berkeley
6.30 **Music for the Courts of Mantua and Ferrara:** Circa 500 in recordings.
7.00 **Liszt and the Piano:** Leslie Howard plays Mephisto Waltz No 2, Sospiril, En reve, etc
7.30 **Comic Treatment:** Dave King and Geoffrey Collins in the play by Simon Voss. Based on the novel The Comic by Brian Glanville.
7.55 **Lindsay String Quartet:** part one. Mozart (Quartet in D, K 575), and Gyorgy Kurtag (12 Microludes)
8.30 **Where Old Men may Spend the Heat of the Day:** Lolli Susi reads the short story by Anne Aylor
8.50 **Recital** (continued) Schubert (Quartet in A minor, D 804)
9.30 **Poetry 86:** announcement of the major prize winners in the 1986 National Poetry Competition. .
10.15 **Carl Maria von Weber:** BBC Scottish SO (under Antoni Wit), with Allan Schiller (piano). The overture La preciosa; and Piano Concerto No 2, and Invitation to the Dance, orchestrated by Berlioz
11.00 **First Night: Deborah** Levy's play Heresies is reviewed by Marilyn Butler
11.10 **Margit Angerer** and Alfred Piccaver: arias from Faust, Madama Butterfly and other operas, sung by these two stars of the Vienna Opera in the 1920s
11.40 **Grieg: Lyric Pieces.** Gilels (piano) plays works including Berceuse, Op 38 No 1; Notturno, Op 54 No 4; and Homesickness, Op 57 No 6.
11.57 **News.** 12.00 Close

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 *Shipping* 6.00 *News* briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 *Your letters.* 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross 01-580 4411: A chance to ring the experts and policy-makers.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent: Life and politics abroad
10.30 Morning Story: Double Toil and Trouble, by Michael A. Pearson. The reader is Timothy Kightley
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre: Seven Ten Sunday Morning, by Keith Wood. With Lee Whitlock. A day of dreams for a young man alone in a South Coast bedsitter (s)
11.33 Times Remembered: Ian Skidmore talks to Arthur McCann, retired Liverpool docker and reincarnated Roman Centurion.
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer advice.
12.27 My Music: Panel game, with Steve Race, John Amis, Denis Norden, Frank Muir, and Ian Wallace(s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Includes a report by Anne Taylor into how the pattern of buying Christmas presents has changed over the years And Patricia Hodge reads Elizabeth Bowen's story The Needlecase.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Making of Frankenstein, by Ray Hammond. With Christian Rodska, Norman Eshley and Natasha Pyne. The infamous Monster in the television era (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Miss North's Obsession: The story of Victorian traveller Marianne North who braved danger and discomfort to travel to remote parts of the world to paint flowers in their native surroundings.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on An Italian Straw Hat at the Sheftesbury Theatre, and the Norwich Murals (r)
5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial report
6.30 King Street Junior, starring Peter Davison and James Grout.
7.00 News
7.05 *The Archers*
7.20 File on 4: Current issues at home and abroad.
8.00 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Opera . . . On the Road. Presented by Antony Hopkins (see Choice)
9.00 In Touch: News for people with a visual handicap.
9.30 Under The Bo Tree: Dr Ray Barron observes the role of the headaster as a respected "educated man" in a Sri Lankan village.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on Heresies at The Pit, and Directors' Choice at the National Gallery. Also an interview with Barry Douglas
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Christmas with the Savages, by Mary Clive (2)
10.30 The World Tonight. Presented by Alexander MacLeod.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening corner (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued)

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Sports Council takes on new role

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council has increased its power, and become even more closely linked with the Government, by agreeing to take on a number of duties from the Department of the Environment.

In future, the Sports Council will directly brief Mr Dick Tracey, the Sports Minister, rather than have its opinions filtered through the relevant division at the department. As a result the Sports Council will deal directly with the Home Office on matters like football hooliganism and will contribute to the Council of Europe at their regular meetings.

Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman, pointed out yesterday that the Sports Council could in future be looking at matters like the relationship of the Football League and the Football Association. It is a subtle move by both the Government and the Sports Council, the full implications of which are not fully apparent. But it will greatly strengthen the range of the council's responsibilities.

In the past Mr David Teasdale, an assistant secretary at the Department of the Environment, had attended council meetings as an assessor, acting as a go-between between the Minister and the Sports Council. But from January 2 he will be attached for 18 months to the Sports Council as a director of special projects. He will supervise its new responsibilities and will also examine the management of the six national sports centres.

Mr John Wheatley, the council's director general, sees the new moves as a "clarification of the roles," but it clearly enhances the Sports Council's role.

Still at issue between the Government and the council is the grant of £36.9 million which has been allocated for 1987-88. This is no increase on the grant for the present year.

Mr John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council and of Liverpool Football Club, said yesterday that he had met Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, earlier this month. "We shall go on knocking at the door until it is opened. Sport is now employing more people in the country than the motor industry. It is also providing a creative outlet to many of the more disadvantaged in our society. Sport deserves better treatment and I shall do all in my power to ensure that it gets it."

The Sports Council has also allocated £250,000 to support sports medicine and sports science in Britain. Mr Smith said: "This is also the first attempt at co-ordinating all the bodies in sports medicine and may eventually reduce the number of them."

Bowlers shown up by pitch too true to be good

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Adelaide

It seems as though we have seen the best of the Third Test *match which finishes here* today. With seven wickets left, Australia lead England by 141 runs, and it will need a remarkable turn of events for either side to lose.

In contrast to the previous day, there was now little attractive cricket. Rather than 320 runs being made, only 188 were. England spent from the start until mid-afternoon trying *not to get out, and* Australia from mid-afternoon until the close afraid to put their fortunes to the test.

In an ideal world England might have closed their first *innings in the hope that* Australia would respond with a sporting declaration today; but Test matches are not, and never were, played like that.

A more plausible scenario *might have been for Australia,* batting again and one down in the series, to feel that a first innings lead of 59 was just enough of a buffer to encourage an adventurous approach. *But with England in* no hurry to bowl their overs and a wicket soon falling, that, too, was not to be.

Paramount, of course, in shaping the course of the game *has been the pitch. It is too* good to be true, or perhaps too true to be good. But even on an Adelaide featherbed, results are obtainable if the bowling is up to it.

A vintage Australian attack, or the current West Indians, would no doubt have made something of it — Jones, for example, was out yesterday to a ball that flew at him — and *Sleep is the type of bowler who* could have exploited the wear and tear of the last day had he had the runs and time to do it with.

A bad morning yesterday could have committed England to an anxious final day. But they avoided one, thanks to Emburey as much as anyone. Having come in as night watchman on Sunday, he was still there at lunch, having hardly lifted his bat out of the blockhole but properly determined not to give his wicket away.

He survived two chances, one when Dyer could have stumped him off Sleep, the other when Border, throwing himself forward from silly mid-off, might have caught him off Waugh. There being no question of England wanting to press on to a declaration, Emburey played the right game for his side.

Whitaker rather missed his chance. *Had he played an* innings, he would have staked a claim for a batting place ahead of Lamb, even when Botham returns (which he hopes to do for the Melbourne Test match starting on Boxing Day).

He began by smashing the last ball of the first over, a long hop from Reid, through the covers for four, a stroke of great confidence. But in the *end Reid got the better of him,* bowling very well on a warm but humid morning and slanting the ball from leg to off across the right hander's body.

Kept for half-an-hour *before making a second scoring* stroke, Whitaker was then dropped at second slip, a difficult diving chance to Border off Reid and caught at mid-off the next ball, choosing *the wrong one to pull and mis*timing it. Whitaker was chasing by then. With another Test or two behind him he would not have been.

England had some work left to do when Whitaker was out. With only four wickets left they were still 153 runs behind *and the day was only 40* minutes spent. But Emburey, however marionettish in his movements, was enjoying the obduracy, while Richards, needing less luck than anyone, played very decently until 15 minutes after lunch.

So, gradually, the draw became ever more probable. At lunch, England were 409 for 6, and they went on to pass 450 in their first innings for the seventh successive Test match against Australia.

If there was a silver lining for Australia it was in the bowling of Sleep, whom no one played with real confidence. It required no imagination to see that, given the chance, Sleep could have embarrassed England today, given the scope.

I suppose it just could be that if they lay on the usual turning pitch at Sydney, England will have two leg spinners to contend with — Sleep and *Holland — and that could be* interesting.

It was Sleep who had Richards caught at backward square leg, mis-cuing a sweep. That was 422 for 7. At 439, Emburey, having batted for 2¾ hours, was caught at the wicket off Reid.

Adelaide, 40 years ago, was the scene of Godfrey Evans's famous filibuster, also when England had a Test match to save. In partnership with Compton he batted for 97 minutes before scoring.

The last two wickets yesterday were shared, deservedly, between Reid and Sleep, Edmonds being caught at silly mid-off off bat and pad and Dilley bowled by a swinging full cross. England had batted for 9 hours 35 minutes; and 21 hours after the match began, only 20 wickets had fallen.

Required to bowl a minimum of only 37 overs in 2 hours 40 minutes before the close of play, England took their time about it. It is little short of disgraceful that the cricket boards of both countries are prepared to settle for a piffling 90 overs in the day, when, if the sides had to bowl 100, they easily could.

With Australia soon losing Boon, given out to the third leg before appeal in three balls by DeFreitas, England's open*ing bowlers, especially* DeFreitas, were moved to bowl much better than in Australia's first innings.

When the spinners came on after 80 minutes (17 overs), Australia were 24 for 2. Dilley had got one to lift at Jones, who managed only fend it off to Lamb running in from short square leg. With a storm threatening and the light none too good, Australia were preoccupied now with not losing another wicket. Two or three more and it would have been their turn to be in trouble.

But Marsh has learnt a lot of the answers; Border was very solid, and there were only 20 minutes left when Marsh, playing too soon, gave Edmonds a simple return catch. The storm had come to nothing and play ended in the warmest sunshine of the day.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 514 for 5 dec (D C Boon 103, D M Jones 89, S R Waugh 79 not out, G R J Matthews 73 not out, A R Border 70).

Second innings

D C Boon lbw b DeFreitas	0
G R Marsh c and b Edmonds	41
D M Jones c Lamb b Dilley	2
*A R Border not out	31
G M Ritchie not out	4
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total (3 wkts)	82

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8, 3-77.

BOWLING TO DATE: Dilley 9-4-13-1; DeFreitas 10-5-16-1; Emburey 9-2-28-0; Edmonds 11-2-22-1.

ENGLAND: First innings

B C Broad c Marsh b Waugh	116
C W J Athey b Sleep	55
*M W Gatting c Waugh b Sleep	100
A J Lamb c Matthews b Hughes	14
D I Gower lbw b Reid	38
J E Emburey c Dyer b Reid	49
J J Whitaker c Matthews b Reid	11
†C J Richards c Jones b Sleep	29
P A J DeFreitas not out	4
P H Edmonds c Border b Sleep	13
G R Dilley b Reid	0
Extras (b 4, lb 14, w 4, nb 4)	26
Total	455

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-273, 3-283, 4-341, 5-341, 6-361, 7-422, 8-438, 9-454, 10-455.

BOWLING: Hughes 30-8-82-1; Reid 28.4-8-64-4; Sleep 47-14-132-4; Matthews 23-1-102-0; Border 1-0-1-0; Waugh 19-4-56-1.

Umpires: A R Crafter and S G Randell.

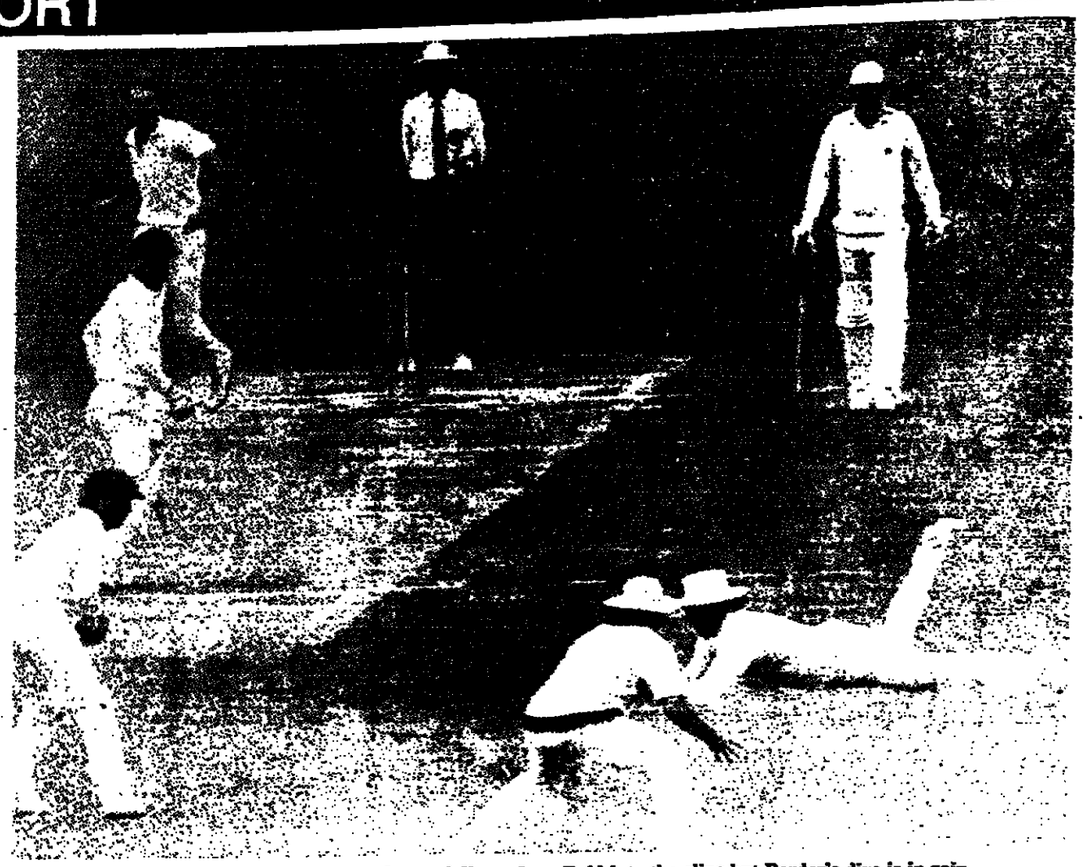
Botham may play in Hobart

Adelaide (Reuter) — Ian Botham may be fit to play in England's *next tour match* against Tasmania in Hobart starting next Thursday, the manager, Peter Lush, said yesterday.

Botham was forced to miss *the third Test match after* ripping a muscle in the left side of his ribs during the drawn second Test.

Lush said the tour selectors hoped Botham would be able *to play as a batsman against* Tasmania as a warm-up for the fourth Test match in Melbourne, starting on Boxing Day.

"But he looks unlikely to *bowl in either Hobart or* Melbourne," he added.



One that got away: Whitaker edges a delivery from Reid into the slips but Border's dive is in vain

GOLF

Morocco to stage PGA event

By Mitchell Platts

The race for places in Europe's Ryder Cup team will begin one month earlier than usual with the announcement of the new £165,000 Moroccan Open to be played at Royal Golf Dar es Salam, Rabat, from March 19 to 22.

Ken Schofield, the Executive Director of the PGA European Tour, said: "This is a significant development in the expansion of the tour: it will start an extremely important and exciting year.

"Furthermore it shows once again the value of winning the Ryder Cup last year. It is clear for all to see that there is more cash, more events and more sponsors interested in backing golf."

The championship, the first to carry Ryder Cup points in 1987 is to be held under the auspices of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation with the technical assistance of the *International Management* Group and Golf European.

The introduction of the Moroccan Open, to be played on an outstanding course which was designed by Robert Trent Jones and measures 7,500 yards at full length, ensures that the European tour in 1987 will be worth a minimum of £7 million.

This figure could increase significantly. The Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship, which will be promoted for the first time in 1987 by the PGA European Tour Enterprises, now has an increased prize fund of £220,000 and the Jersey Open, brought forward to April 9 to 12 to make further room for expansion, is likely to be worth £100,000.

George O'Grady, the managing director of the PGA European Tour Enterprises, said: "Increasing interest in the tour and the successes of its players has made the expansion of facilities for the golf public a matter of high priority. In promoting the PGA championship we are planning improved facilities to include grand stand boxes for viewing the last geeen in comfort

"We are naturally delighted to have this opportunity to promote a championship of such importance at Went*worth which, of course, is* where our own headquarters are situated. It offers an exciting challenge to set new standards."

The PGA European Tour has already announced a new German Masters Tournament, to be worth in the region of £200,000, and a similar tournament on the continent is in the pipeline.

FOOTBALL

River Plate turn to the money circuit

By Gerry Harrison

When River Plate, the club from Buenos Aires, head for home today after their victory in the Toyota Cup — the world club championship — in Tokyo, it is safe to assume they will not give a thought to how their success highlights the current economic frustrations of the leading English clubs.

First stop for the Argentines will be Los Angeles where they will collect $45,000 (£31,500) for playing Guadalajara of Mexico. The Tokyo trip was worth $200,000 (£140,000) and Alzamendi's lone goal added another $40,000 (£28,000) win-bonus to that. A couple of three-team tournaments are scheduled for early next year, each with European involvement. Cologne and Nantes head the queue of chosen guests at the moment.

The strength of River's market value is less as world champions, and more as the leading club in South America. For winning the Libertadores Cup, the players picked up $45,000 each. For beating Steaua Bucharest on Sunday, it was $5,000.

River Plate do not have to worry about minor inconveniences like league matches if a money-maker pops up in the next 12 months. They will field the reserve team, which is exactly what happened in the run-up to the South American Cup, and explains why they are languishing in mid-table.

None of this solves the economic chaos of Argentine football, but it does help the major clubs to hold on to some of their best players for a little longer. The summer sale of their leading scorer, Enzo Francescoli, for $2.6 million (about £1.4m) to Racing Club, of Paris, was an offer they could not refuse though, and something Liverpool would understand.

Meanwhile, the leading English clubs, who have never been able to balance their books on home produce alone, duck and dive in mid-week raids to the Middle East or to Hong Kong, if they are lucky, where the going rate is best. Nor do they have the luxury of the mid-winter break like the West Germans to do the business.

So it was easy to sympathize with the losers in Tokyo. The Romanians, a cheerful if wary lot, had struck a hard bargain: $220,000 (£154,000) whatever the result. How much of that the players will see is anyone's guess.

Their first move after the game was to transfer everyone from the hotel to the Romanian Embassy for two nights. There was nothing anti-social or anti-capitalist about this. It was pure economics.

At least there is one more *junket left for the European* champions: The Supercup in Monaco takes place in February, and they play against Dynamo Kiev for prize-money of £160,000, this time in Swiss francs.

Souness is poised to make more signings

By Hugh Taylor

No sooner had Rangers signed yet another newcomer from English football, Neil Woods from Doncaster Rovers, than the supporters were yesterday starting a new guessing game over the name of the next arrival at Ibrox.

Speculation began when Graeme Souness made it clear that an end to Rangers signings was not in sight even though the arrival of Woods, a strapping forward aged 20, has brought the club's outlay of *players to nearly £1,800,000* since the player-manager took over.

Woods, whose fee was in the region of £100,000, flew out with his new team-mates for a break in Majorca still overjoyed at what he called his good fortune in joining Rangers. Although he has been interesting leading English clubs, including Liverpool, Everton, and Manchester United, he said: "I just couldn't turn down the opportunity of joining Rangers."

Now the supporters are expecting that an even bigger name than that of Woods, unknown in Scotland and said by Souness to be a player for the future, will arrive shortly at Ibrox. No clues, however, were being handed out yesterday.

The announcement that *Rangers had signed their fifth* player from English football brought a sour response from the followers of Celtic, who are muttering that it is high time the League leaders went into the transfer market for a defender.

Although they have lost only 14 goals in the Premier Division, the defence still comes in for criticism.

SNOOKER

Hearn's men to be absent

By Sydney Friskin

The BCE Belgian Classic, in which the world's top 16 players were to take part by arrangement with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), will go ahead at Ostend from March 7 to 15 without any of Barry Hearn's Matchroom professionals, who have been withdrawn by him mainly because of the clash of dates with the new Rothmans Mathroom League to which all seven of his players are committed.

Hearn's case is that he received from the WPBSA the dates for the Belgian event, which was held in January last season, only 10 days before the launching of the *Matchroom League, the dates* for which were fixed several months earlier. His request for the Belgian Classic to be terminated two days earlier than March 15 next year was *turned down by Belgian* television who, according to Hearn, entered into negotiation with with WPBSA without making sure about the availability of all 16 players.

The WPBSA Board, of which Hearn is a member, are expected to replace the seven Matchroom professionals for the Belgian Classic by others lower down in the ranking list — John Parrott, John Campbell, John Virgo, Eugene Hughes, David Taylor and two "wild cards", probably Stephen Hendry, the Scottish champion, aged 17 and Tony Drago of Malta.

The Matchroom team will during the period of the Belgian Classic tour the Middle East, visiting Muscat and *Bahrain. Their proposed visit* to Peking has been postponed until August next year.

BASKETBALL

Bolton win at last to end a troubled week

By Nicholas Harling

In the week that the club's franchise had been put up for sale and two players had gone on the transfer list, things finally look up for HomeSpare Bolton and Bury, the first division's perennial whipping boys.

Bolton receive another struggling club Sunderland tonight, rejuvenated by Saturday's 94-81 win over Calderdale Explorers, which was the Lancashire club's first win of the season in the Carlsberg National League. It came after what their coach Roy Blake described as "a traumatic week".

Doug Farnworth, Bolton's chairman and owner of HomeSpare, the club's sponsors, has sounded out football clubs within a 25-mile radius with a view to one of them taking over the franchise. "He is not looking to make a profit but he feels that the future of basketball is with a football club, the way Manchester United and Portsmouth have done it," explained his daughter Jill who is Bolton's secretary and commercial manager.

She went on: "Father's problem is that he feels guilty, for here we are, a club with professional sportsmen yet we don't even have a physiotherapist to treat them when they get injured, because the money isn't there. They have to go down to Bolton Wanderers to use their physiotherapist."

HomeSpare, who have donated over £30,000 this season, come to the end of their two-year contract in April by when, says Jill Farnworth, they hope to have the club's future secured within the area.

Unfortunately for Bolton, they seem to have lost the services of their experienced 33-year-old dual national Bob Martin, who has gone on the transfer list because, according to Blake: "He doesn't think he is getting enough court time, but I have got a lot of young players here and I have to give them time on court." Martin's request to leave was followed by another from Mark Cooper, Bolton's 23-year-old English player.

Terry Crosby, who followed last week's season's best individual tally of 48 points with 41 against Calderdale, was Bolton's top scorer but although Kittles and Jordan also excelled, Blake insisted that the overdue success was a triumph for the team as a whole.

No such luck for Sunderland. They finished with only four players on court having had four of the eight they started with fouled out in the 105-100 home defeat by Leicester. The departure of Saunders for an intentional foul proved decisive. Having sat out 10 minutes on four fouls, the American guard had returned to reduce Leicester's 12-point lead to one with a flurry of three-pointers, before committing one foul too many on Young.

"Being in charge of this team is like taking a walk in the Lake District," said Jim Brandon, Sunderland's new coach. "You just go up and down. It's full of highs and lows." Lately, though, there seemed to have been too many lows for the comfort of Brandon who added: "I've never been involved in anything other than winning. I am used to being a winner and I'm finding difficulty in handling a team which finishes losing as often as we do."

SQUASH RACKETS

Eccentrics convert to expertise

By Colin McQuillan

The arrival of Martin Bodimeade and Paul Carter in the finals of the London *Evening Standard* British Doubles Squash Championships at Cannons Club, London, signals more emphatically even than a second women's final appearance by Lisa Opie, the national singles champion, with Fiona Geaves, the growing respectability of the doubles game.

For years double squash was viewed as an eccentric pastime indulged only by a privileged few with access to an authentic doubles court, wider and longer than the standard squash court, or inebriated club players looking for a laughable knockabout.

Bodimeade and Carter are not the sort to bother with laughable squash. They are young professionals, respectively from Berkshire and Hertfordshire, who have engineered places for themselves among the nation's top ten singles players through hard work and application.

There were very few privileges on offer in the commercial club environment which spawned these two young racket men and it is doubtful if either has even seen a genuine doubles court.

Their opponents, Jon Cornish and Darren Mabbs, are old hands at the doubles game. It may be no coincidence that this sophisticated partnership hails from Avon. There is rumoured to be a private doubles court hidden somwhere in the West country. The only officially listed British doubles court is in Edinburgh, although most American clubs boast at least one.

Lisa Opie's first experience of the doubles game was in last year's British Championship, when she and Miss Geaves lost in the final. Her opponents are the Wright sisters, Debbie and Sue.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Puma help for tennis

Puma, the sports goods company, have announced a package amounting to almost £200,000 to support and encourage Britain's young amateur tennis players. They are to sponsor the national club championship, a competition which receives over 1,000 entries a year, for the next three years and under the new scheme six promising youngsters from the top clubs in each of the men's and women's divisions will be sent on residential courses under the guidance of Paul Hutchins, the national team manager, and his coaches.

All change

Peterborough United are expected to confirm the appointment of Mick Jones, the Halifax Town manager, as their team manager today.

Pearce blocked

No contest

David Pearce, the former British heavyweight champion, who has been out of the ring for nearly three years since a brain scan revealed a congenital abnormality, has had been banned by Torfaen Borough Council. He was due to meet Lorenzo Boyd, of the United States, at the Pontypool Leisure Centre on Friday. Pearce's camp say the contest will now take place at the Parc Club in Tredegar.

Gardner tops

Wayné Gardner, runner-up in the 1986 world 500cc motorcycle championship, has been named top rider in the British-based Rothmans Honda team for the 1987 competition. The Australian, winner of three Grands Prix last season, will be supported by Shunji Yatsushiro, of Japan, and Britain's Roger Burnett.

Le Roux dates

Garth le Roux, the South African fast bowler who has been with Sussex for eight years, is to have two testimonial lunches arranged for him by club's supporters

Safety first

Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, expect to have their 3,000-seat east stand opened for the FA Cup third round tie against Preston on January 10. Contractors are working to bring the stand up to safety standards.

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